

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE SWANNINGTON

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Ms Palmer and Ms Althorpe

SWANNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Having now reviewed all the documentation submitted with the Swannington Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) and conducted the site visit, I have a number of questions which seek clarification on some of the matters which have been raised.

I have 6 questions which are intended for Swannington Parish Council (SPC) and 1 for North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC).

In order to progress the examination, I would be grateful for responses to my questions to be made by **Monday 21 November 2022**, although an earlier response would be most welcome.

Questions to SPC

1. What was the date of submission of the Plan to NWLDC? **15/07/22**
2. Policy H1. Given the proximity of the residential allocation to the access to Windmill View, is the Parish Council satisfied that a safe and suitable access can be achieved? I note that Leicestershire County Council (LCC) did not comment on the allocation in the Regulation 16 response, nor at the Pre-Submission Consultation. In the Pre- Submission Consultation, NWLDC suggested that the local highway authority should be consulted about whether a safe and suitable access is achievable. Was the highway authority consulted and, if so, I should be grateful to know the response? **The highway authority was not consulted as we assumed that would happen at a future stage. The PC feel that it would be difficult to comment on this unless more details were known regarding the scale of any future development on the site**
3. Figure 3 shows the Updated Settlement Boundary. Please could the Parish Council confirm that the boundaries coincide with those shown on the adopted Local Plan Policies Map (Inset 11) with the addition of the residential allocation from Policy 1? If there are any further areas included, please could they be indicated on a map? **The PC confirms the boundaries and no further areas are included**
4. I assume that the Main Street/Jeffcoates Lane recreation ground (ref. 302) in Policy ENV1 is the same site as the Main Street/Jeffcoates Lane Playing Field (ref. 302) in Policy ENV2. Is

this correct? In addition, is my assumption correct that if the site is confirmed as Local Green Space, it is not sought to be included as Important Open Space under Policy ENV2?

The recreation ground is the same as the playing field It is not an important open space as in EN V2

5. What is the justification for the sub division of non heritage assets into two separate categories with specific policies; Policy ENV5: Sites and features of historic environment significance; and Policy ENV6: Non designated heritage assets? Our advisory company, Your Locale, structured the Plan We were advised by them
6. Paragraph 122 of the Neighbourhood Plan notes that LCC has recognised 11 buildings and structures of at least local significance in the Leicestershire Historic Environment Record. Are these the same as listed in Policy ENV6? I have also noted the comments in the NWLDC Regulation 16 response of the NWLDC Conservation Officer and would be grateful to know what the justification is for the inclusion in Policy ENV6 of the following as non designated heritage assets: The Robin Hood Public House; 12 to 16 Hough Hill; "Station Row" (15 to 41 Station Hill); "Station Terrace" (64 to 70 Station Hill); or "St George's Terrace" (2 to 18 St George's Hill)? I would also be pleased to have any further comments the Parish Council wish to make about the points raised by the Conservation Officer. Again, Your Locale structured the plan, The PC had no further comments

Question to NWLDC

7. Policy H6: Windfall Sites states that "development proposals within the Settlement Boundary will be supported where: a) they help to meet the identified housing requirement for Swannington in terms of housing mix ...". Please could NWLDC explain why it is considered that this part of the policy does not generally conform with the Local Plan?

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure that a copy of this letter is placed on the Parish Council and Local Authority websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

Andy Mead

Examiner