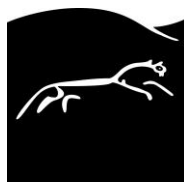


Planning

HEAD OF SERVICE: ADRIAN DUFFIELD



Vale of White Horse

District Council

Mr. Paul McCreery

Contact officer: Ronan Leydon
Ronan.Leydon@southandvale.gov.uk
Tel: 07717 271942

By email:

paulmccreery@waitrose.com

Our reference: Longworth NDP

10 May 2016

Dear Mr. McCreery

Longworth Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2031 Examination

Vale of White Horse District Council has worked to support Longworth Parish Council in the preparation of the neighbourhood plan and compliments them on a very thoughtful, comprehensive and well produced plan.

We have reviewed the submitted documentation and are satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

We are satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan has regard to national policy.

We are satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. The plan focuses on ensuring the village functions as a sustainable rural settlement by supporting appropriate development that will maintain its rural character. The policies cover the three strands of sustainable development; the social, economic and environmental.

We are satisfied that the plan is in general conformity with the local strategic policies of the adopted Local Plan 2011. The Neighbourhood Plan also takes into account the emerging Local Plan 2031 Part 1 and the settlement's classification as a smaller village, where limited infill development may be appropriate within the existing built areas of the village. Policy 1 of the Neighbourhood Plan adds clarity to the particular local circumstances of Longworth and what constitutes limited infill development.

Policy 2 sets out the particular characteristics evident throughout the village which any future development should have regard to. We are satisfied that the policy provides useful detail which is important at the local level.

We are satisfied that Policies 3 and 4 add sufficient protection to local community facilities and green spaces, which are important to the parish of Longworth.

The council is satisfied that there is no significant conflict between the two plans and there are no issues that prevent the Neighbourhood Plan being brought forward ahead of the emerging Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies.

The council undertook a Screening Opinion to ascertain the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Neighbourhood Plan. In consultation with English Heritage, Natural England and the Environment Agency, it was concluded that an SEA of the Longworth Neighbourhood Plan was not required.

Yours sincerely

Ronan Leydon
Senior Planning Policy Officer