

Wootton and St Helen Without Neighbourhood Plan

Clarification Meeting: Matters for discussion

3 April 2019

Context

This meeting follows on from the receipt of the responses to the Clarification Note. It responds to two specific issues:

- The offer from the Parish Council/Parish Meeting to hold a three-way meeting; and
- The current consultation process being undertaken by the District Council on the Main Modifications to the Local Plan Part 2.

This note identifies the issues that I would like to discuss with both the District Council and the Parish Councils. Where it is appropriate to do so I have identified the relevant parts of the National Planning Policy Framework and/or Planning Practice Guidance.

Where reference is made to the NPPF it is to the 2012 version of that document. This takes account of the transitional arrangements between the 2012 and 2018 versions of national policy given that the Plan was submitted to the District Council before 24 January 2019.

Issues for discussion

The Emerging Local Plan Part 2 (Planning Practice Guidance 41-009-20160211)

- To what extent (if any) has the publication of the Main Modifications affected the ongoing relationship between the policies in the submitted neighbourhood plan and strategic planning policy?
- When will the Planning Inspector be considering the responses to the Main Modifications?
- What is the anticipated timetable for the adoption of the Local Plan Part 2?

The proposed Strategic Green Gaps

- To what extent do the proposed strategic green gaps 1,3 and 4 remain relevant to the emerging neighbourhood plan in the event that the main modifications are incorporated into an adopted Local Plan part 2?
- Do the Parish Councils have any thoughts on the extent to which any refinements are necessary to the intended approach to strategic green gap 2 in the event that the main modifications are incorporated into an adopted Local Plan Part 2?

The proposed Local Green Spaces (NPPF paragraphs 76-78)

- I am grateful for the Parish Councils' response on the relationship between LGSs and the Green Belt. Whilst I can see that the incorporation of the Main Modifications into the LPP2 will change the relationship between the proposed local green spaces and the Green Belt Planning Practice Guidance is clear that consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by the designation of parcels of land as local green space. Do the parish councils wish to reconsider their position on this matter and/or to carry out further work? (Planning Practice Guidance 37-010-20140306).

Future Timetable for the examination

- I understand from the responses to the clarification note that the parish councils will be making their own representations on the Main Modifications to the emerging Local Plan Part 2. In this context do the parish councils have any comments on the desirability or otherwise of the examination of the neighbourhood plan proceeding before the Planning Inspector considers the responses to the published Main Modifications?
- Does the District Council have any comments on the future timetable for the neighbourhood plan examination?

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