

## **Brailes and Winderton Neighbourhood Development Plan Examination**

### **Request for further information and questions from the Examiner to Stratford-on-Avon Council and Brailes Parish Council**

In addition to the questions I raised on 19 March, I have some additional queries where I need some clarification or further information. I would therefore be grateful if both Councils could assist me, as appropriate, in answering the following questions.

#### *Existing green spaces*

In policy E42(b) , reference is made to “existing green spaces in the settlement”. Are these the same as the Local Green Spaces which are identified in Policy E3?

No, they are not. We were referring generally to 'green spaces' not specifically to those 4 locations that are significantly locally valued enough to justify formal designation as Local Green Spaces under Policy E3. We think it is important to have both categories, the general and the specific, well protected, and the Explanation E3 text covers the point that those identified for designation are "...important components of the landscape and green fabric within the village...".

Could we suggest a modification to the text of E4 (2b) to read: *b) the existing landscape and green fabric within the settlement should be retained where such features make an important contribution to the character and local distinctiveness of the area.*

#### *Dark sky policy*

In Policy E42(g), is there an overlap between clause E41(g) which talks about tranquility and dark skies and the standalone dark sky policy E6?

Yes, there is. Could we suggest that the Policy component E4(2g) be deleted to avoid duplication.

#### *Village Centre*

Policy SE1(e) refers to sites for employment use being located “in the village centre”. Is this defined anywhere on a map as it needs to be clear where the policy applies? Or is the intention simply that the policy applies within the Built-Up Area Boundary (BUAB)?

The “village centre” is not defined within the Plan. We would suggest that this term is substituted with “in the BUAB”.

#### *Homeworking*

Policy SE4 supports the provision of more home working opportunities, both in new residential development and in small-scale mixed-use developments. Is it intended that this policy should just apply within the settlement (and within the BUAB boundary) or more widely within the NDP area as a whole? In view of this, does the Parish Council have any further comments on the relevance of Policy SE4(d)?

As a rural Parish there may well be some very small-scale opportunities for new housing or conversions in established farmsteads or hamlets (thinking of Winderton) or small free-standing groups of dwellings outside the BUAB, for examples, where a home working component should be encouraged to reduce the need to travel and foster rural employment opportunities.

Policy E4 should apply to the full Neighbourhood Area and ensure that development proposals throughout the Neighbourhood Area are OK in terms of conserving the landscape and local character.

#### *Section 4.2*

The District Council's response to the Reg 16 consultation mentions that the quotes from the Core Strategy in Section 4.2 on page 34 are incorrect. I am not quite sure which quotes are being referred to. Please can the District Council clarify?

I have asked Rosemary to answer this question and copy us on her response.

Thank you for your assistance with these questions. Once I have received your responses, I may need to ask for further clarification or further queries may arise as the examination progresses.

Please note that these questions and requests for information is a public document and the answers and any associated documents will also be in the public domain. Both my questions and the responses should be placed on the Councils' websites as appropriate.

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