

## **Corringham Neighbourhood Development Plan**

### **Examiner's Clarification Note**

This Note sets out my initial comments on the submitted Plan. It also sets out areas where it would be helpful to have some further clarification. For the avoidance of any doubt matters of clarification are entirely normal at this early stage of the examination process.

#### ***Initial Comments***

The Plan provides a clear and concise vision for the neighbourhood area.

The presentation of the Plan is very good. The difference between the policies and the supporting text is very clear. The Plan makes good use of various maps.

The various background reports helpfully underpin the policies in the Plan. The Character Assessment and the Site Options and Assessment are particularly informative.

A key element of the Plan is the way in which its vision and objectives inform and underpin the resulting policies. The summary on page 38 of the relationship between the policies and the objectives demonstrates this matter very clearly. The approach taken provides assurance to all concerned that the Plan has addressed key local issues.

#### ***Points for Clarification***

I have read the submitted documents and the representations made to the Plan. I have also visited the neighbourhood area. I am now in a position to raise issues for clarification with the Parish Council.

The comments made on the points in this Note will be used to assist in the preparation of my report and in recommending any modifications that may be necessary to ensure that the Plan meets the basic conditions.

I set out specific clarification points below in the order in which the policies appear in the submitted Plan:

##### ***CNP1***

The final paragraph reads as supporting text rather than policy. Please can the Parish Council clarify its intentions?

##### ***CNP2***

The policy uses the wording 'may be developed'. I am minded to recommend that the various elements of the policy comment that 'proposals will be supported' to generate a more positive approach.

Does the Parish Council have any comments on this proposition?

There is a discrepancy between the Corner Farm site on the Policies Map and on the aerial photo details on page 41. Please can the Parish Council advise on the correct area?

##### ***CNP3***

The four criteria in the policy are both well-considered and locally-distinctive  
Nevertheless, are they intended to apply only within the settlement of Aisby?

*CNP8*

The policy has a more restrictive approach than paragraph 203 of the NPPF (2021 version). Please can the Parish Council expand on its approach to this matter?

*CNP10*

There is an overlap between the proposed open spaces and the local green spaces (LGS) in Policy CNP11.

Given that LGS designation is the most effective of the two approaches I am minded to delete the LGSs from Policy CNP10

Does the Parish Council have any observations on this proposition?

*CNP11*

The proposed LGSs have been carefully-chosen and take account of national guidance.

*CNP14*

This is a good policy with a detailed recognition of the circumstances where exceptions may be appropriate.

*CNP16*

The third part of the policy reads as a community action rather than as a land use policy. As such I am minded to recommend its repositioning into the Community Aspirations?

Does the Parish Council have any comments on this proposition?

***Representations***

Does the Parish Council wish to comment on any of the representations made to the Plan?

In particular does it wish to comment on the comments from the District Council?

***Protocol for responses***

I would be grateful for responses and the information requested by 7 September 2021. Please let me know if this timetable may be challenging to achieve. It is intended to maintain the momentum of the examination.

In the event that certain responses are available before others I am happy to receive the information on a piecemeal basis. Irrespective of how the information is assembled please could it come to me directly from the District Council. In addition, please can all responses make direct reference to the policy or the matter concerned.

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