Glentworth 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 very clear and distinctive vision for the neighbourhood area. In particular it addresses a series of important issues in a positive and effective fashion.

The layout and presentation of the Plan is excellent. The various maps, tables and charts add to its depth and interest. The difference between the policies and the supporting text is very clear.

The separation of the Community Aspirations from the land use policies properly follows national advice

Points for Clarification

I have read the submitted documents and the representations made to the Plan and have 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 the Plan to ensure that it meets the basic conditions.

Overall Approach

The Parish Council has chosen not to allocate sites for residential development in the submitted Plan. Instead it supports new development where it takes account of identified views (Policy 1) and design/character considerations (Policy 3). This approach contrasts with the approach taken in other recent neighbourhood plans in the District.

On what basis has the Parish Council taken this approach? In particular how does it relate to the contents of paragraph 1.2.1 of the Plan itself?

To what extent is the Parish Council satisfied that the neighbourhood area will deliver its contribution to the strategic housing delivery included in the adopted Central Lincolnshire Local Plan?

Monitoring and Review

I can see the approach to the monitoring and review of the Plan in Section 7.

How would the Plan address the specific issue of housing development within the Plan period falling short of the strategic housing delivery target for the neighbourhood area?

Policy 2

The analysis of the proposed Local Green Spaces is excellent.

Policy 3

This is a very well-constructed and written policy.

Representations

Does the Parish Council have any comments on the representations made to the Plan by West Lindsey District Council?

Does the Parish Council have any comments on the other representations?

Protocol for responses

I would be grateful for comments from the Parish Council by 5 June 2019. 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 all 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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