

Long Wittenham Reviewed Neighbourhood Development Plan

Examiner's Clarification Note

Context

This note has been prepared to address matters which have arisen from the recent consultation on the Environmental Report: Further Update. It provides an opportunity for the Parish Council to comment on two specific issues that have arisen. I also seek comments from the District Council on the two issues.

The responses to this Note will assist me in deciding the most appropriate mechanisms for concluding the examination.

Points for Clarification

Minerals Safeguarding

Does the Parish Council have any observations on the comments made by Oxfordshire County Council on the soft sand and sharp sand/gravel issue? In particular I would invite comments on this matter from consultant engaged by the Parish Council to prepare the Environmental Report.

Are the County Council's comments material to the findings of the amended Environmental Statement?

Does the District Council have any comments on the observations of the County Council?

Archaeology

Whilst I recognise that the updates to the Environmental Statement did not directly address archaeological matters the comments from Historic England raise further issues in relation to extent to which the development of the community hub has regard to national policy.

Does the Parish Council have any additional comments on the issues addressed in paragraph 9.22 to 9.24 of the Environmental Report: Further Update and their relationship to the recent comments from Historic England? In particular I would invite comments on this matter from consultant engaged by the Parish Council to prepare the Environmental Report.

Has sufficient work been undertaken as part of the plan-making process to provide assurance that the development of the community hub can proceed with a robust means of considering its potential impact on potential archaeological resources in the immediate area? In particular:

- How was the available archaeological information considered during the plan-making process?
- How did the submitted Environmental Report deal with any identified gaps in the evidence base and/or a lack of evidence?

Does the District Council have any comments on the observations of Historic England?

Protocol for responses

I would be grateful for comments on the points raised in this Note by 5 July 2019. Please let me know if this timetable may be challenging to achieve.

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 relevant matter.

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