

We have been through the Inspectors comments and our summation is as follows. We thank the Inspector for reading the Plan and reply as follows:

ENP review from Inspector's Comments

1. EP3

This is quite straightforward. The answer is Yes. The area (Cottesmore) is on the boundary of the civil parish (with Benson) and the neighbourhood plan designated area. The Village Character Assessment identifies this as an historic and separate area of the parish with four listed buildings dating from the 17th century. MOD land on the RAF base separates it from the 'collective' part of the village. I suggest that it deserves to be treated as a separate settlement and the policy remain.

2. EP4

The second sentence does give contradictory information. For that reason, delete the second sentence. Add Kings Pool to list

3. EP6

From a fairly cursory look at the Local Plan, I don't think that EP6 is completely covered by that. The SOLP certainly enables us to do what EP6 says, but ours is a strong steer towards actually doing so for the village. Cutting some bits out because they duplicate parts of the SOLP would rob our policy of any context. The policy shows that the SC has examined the topic of affordable housing. The subject of affordable housing has come up repeatedly within open discussions and forums. It is stated that surveys were carried out in 2008 and 2012 and that future surveys would be necessary.

4. EP8

Agree with comments and suggest that EP8 be reworded to:

Development should enhance or better reveal the special quality of Ewelme as identified in the Village Character Assessment. New development, including alterations to existing buildings and features, should conserve or enhance the character, appearance, integrity, significance, fabric and setting of Ewelme and its heritage assets, by reusing original, natural materials or employing the best available highest quality new materials in accordance with the Character Assessment and in accordance with the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035.

Planning applications should address the interaction between the built environment and the surrounding countryside and the key views and vistas. New development will be expected to take account of known surface and sub-surface archaeology and ensure that other potentially significant deposits are identified and appropriately safeguarded during development. Where possible, the legibility of archaeological features should be preserved. New development should promote high quality design and take the opportunity to enhance or better reveal the significance of the Parish's historic built environment and its specific heritage assets

Designated Heritage Assets:

Great weight should be accorded to the conservation of designated (listed) heritage assets in accordance with policies in the NPPF.

Non-Designated Heritage Assets:

Conservation of the identity and character of buildings of local note should be weighed against the benefits that development would provide.