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Re: Towersey NDP Examination - Clarification Note - reply to

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Dear

Thank you for forwarding the examiner's 'Clarification Note'.

We would like to thank the examiner for his very positive, timely and clear initial response to our draft Neighbourhood plan.

With regard to the specific questions in the clarification note, our views are as follows:

1. Policy TOW3

The District Council raises very specific issues on this policy and the way in which they overlap with a recent examination elsewhere in the District. I would welcome the Parish Council's responses to the District Council's comments on this matter.

The PC welcomes the additional input from the District Council and notes that the intent of the Neighbourhood Plan - "to offer a supportive context for the development proposals in the parish to achieve more sustainable solutions than those required but the local plan" - is the clear intent. We are minded to adopt the proposed revised text as suggested by the District Council but are checking with our consultants as to whether there are any further additions or amendments that we should consider.

2. Policy TOW6

This is an excellent policy. The proposed local green spaces (LGSs) have been carefully selected and the policy follows the format of paragraph 103 of the NPPF.

Does the Parish Council have any comments on the representation made by the County Council about the overlap between the Duck Pond LGS and the highway boundary?

The Parish Council fully accepts that land with highway status takes legal precedence over the rights of the sub soil owner and will alter the boundary of the Duck Pond green space to exclude the small amount of Highways land.

3. Representations

Does the Parish Council wish to comment on any of the representations made to the Plan? The District Council proposes a series of revisions to certain policies and the supporting text in the Plan. Does the Parish Council have any comments on the suggested revisions?

The Parish Council is very grateful for the time and effort that has gone into providing detailed suggestions on revisions to the text of the plan and intends to incorporate them in the revised plan largely as written.

