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Attention **Louisa Slator**

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Dear Louisa

**Neighbourhood Development Plan 2023**

Gary Kirk has passed on your comments on the current draft of the neighbourhood plan for Beaudesert and Henley. He has also briefed us on his views on each of the items on behalf of the JPC. I would like to set out our response to your email. We appreciate your brisk reply to Gary and are anxious to proceed with significant haste now.

Our responses to your points are in reverse order

**6.**

I note the NDP Group intend to review the Plan once the SWLP is adopted. It should be noted that this would involve a wide refresh of the existing evidence base to the NDP which will obviously be quite a considerable amount of work, and more than you might expect of a typical NDP review.

**JPC RESPONSE :**

The current draft of the neighbourhood plan has taken an enormous amount of time for both the counsellors and the clerk. We are therefore very aware of the amount of work which will be necessary to carry out a further review, but we wish to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan secures the maximum protection against inappropriate development locally and a comprehensive review based on the latest housing requirement figures is the best way to achieve this. Gary did raise with you, the current position on the local plan development and we would welcome any. Information or update you are able to give us

**5.**

It would also be preferable for the Policies to be more clearly defined from the supporting text e.g. placing the Policies in separate boxes?

**JPC RESPONSE :**

Agree we will insert text boxes

4.

The Valued Views under Policy N3 have not been justified – there needs to be some reasoning as to why they are considered worthy of protection, or it is unlikely they will pass examination. I am also confused about the second paragraph under Policy N3 starting “From Liveridge Hill looking towards Ullenhall...” as a numbered list of Valued Views is then provided. The numbered list appears to match up with the related map, but I am unsure what views the paragraph is referring to?

**JPC RESPONSE:**

We agree with Gary Kirk’s view on the general point. We agree that the Liveridge Hill reference is superfluous and will remove the paragraph on p.24

3.

I also note that Policy H2 supports self-build/first homes but it is not clear in what instance – will they also have to meet criteria a-d of the policy?

**JPC RESPONSE:**

We believe that the policy is suitably clear that all development under this policy is required to meet criteria a to d. The reference to self-build/first homes is an indication of support for these types of affordable housing.

2.

I note that not all of SDC’s comments from the previous Reg.14 consultation seem to have been fully taken on board which is slightly disappointing. Hopefully the Consultation Statement will clarify this.

In particular, Policy H1 is still inconsistent with Core Strategy/National Green Belt policy. It also needs to be explained what methodology the proposed BUAB has been based upon.

**JPC RESPONSE:**

We made responding to SDC comments a top priority when reviewing the original draft. We believe we have addressed all the issues that were raised and as Gary Kirk has confirmed in his response to you a detailed set of responses is contained in the Consultation Statement.

1.

The current NDP is definitely an improvement from the previous version and I don’t believe it will need to re-do Reg. 14 consultation. A point I want to check, however, is whether the introduction of Policy H2 would require a new SEA Screening or addendum, as the previous SEA Screening report was prepared on the basis of development only being located within the town boundary (although obviously this approach would not have been consistent with the Core Strategy/NPPF). I need to check this point with my Manager.

**JPC RESPONSE:**

This is top priority for us. It is our understanding that a further SEA Screening/addendum in relation to a neighbourhood plan revision post Regulation 14 consultation is only necessary where a very significant change has been made to the plan. Gary Kirk has pointed out in his initial comments that this is not a case in relation to the JPC plan and therefore SDC would not need to undertake this onerous procedure.

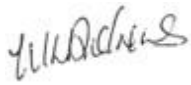
We are very concerned that the timetable has been very tight throughout the last few months. We have informed the community that we would endeavour to complete the work by May and I'm sure you realise that this would be a very significant setback to us. We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible on this particular point.

We are intending to submit the complete documentation to the District Council this week with the various amendments discussed here and elsewhere. We hope the document meets your expectations and we have every hope it will make the examiners standards.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Wendy Andrews  
Chair



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