

Great Glen Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

Independent Examiner's findings on the significance or substance of the modifications proposed to the neighbourhood plan

Context

This note sets out my findings on the significance or substance of the modifications proposed to the neighbourhood plan.

It has been prepared in accordance with section 10 (3) of Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017. In general terms the examiner is required to make an assessment on proposed reviews of neighbourhood plans on two matters. The first is the need or otherwise for an examination. The second is the need or otherwise for a referendum in the event that an examination is required.

The contents of this note need to be considered by the Parish Council.

Findings

I have read the submitted review of the Plan and compared it to the existing 'made' neighbourhood Plan. I have also visited the neighbourhood area so that I can understand the issues more clearly.

In addition, I have read the statements of both the Parish Council and the District Council on this matter.

Having considered all the information I have concluded that the significance or substance of the modifications proposed to the neighbourhood plan by the Parish Council is such that the Plan requires both an examination and a referendum.

I have reached this decision for the following reasons:

- the submitted Plan includes several policies which are material modifications to the neighbourhood plan;
- in particular the submitted review of the Plan includes a proposed housing allocation (Policy GG1); and
- a housing allocation is not included in the 'made' neighbourhood plan.

The Next Steps

Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 section 10 (4) requires the qualifying body to respond to this finding and in particular:

- to advise whether it wishes to proceed with the proposal or withdraw it, and
- to notify the examiner and the local planning authority of that decision.

I would be grateful if you would address these matters and advise accordingly.

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