

Foxton Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

Independent Examiner's Clarification Note

Purpose

This Note sets out initial comments on the submitted Plan. It also sets out two areas where it would be helpful to have some further clarification.

For the avoidance of any doubt matters of clarification are entirely normal at this early stage of the examination process.

Initial Comments

The Parish Council's ambition to review the Plan responds positively to national guidance and associated best practice. The Plan continues to provide a clear vision for the neighbourhood area. The review addresses a balanced range of issues. It is underpinned by an appropriate evidence base and properly takes account of the elements of the Plan which have been implemented since it was 'made'.

The presentation of the Plan is very good. The package of submission documents is proportionate to the neighbourhood area in general, and to the review of the Plan in particular. In combination the documents helpfully identify the aspects of the Plan which have been reviewed and updated.

Points for Clarification

I have read the submitted documents and the representations made to the Plan. I have also visited the neighbourhood area. I am now in a position to raise issues for clarification with both the District Council and the Parish Council.

The comments made on the points in this Note will be used to assist in the preparation of my report and in recommending any modifications that may be necessary to the review of the Plan to ensure that it meets the basic conditions.

Question for the Parish Council

In the final part of Policy F19 is the intention that the support for electric car charging facilities would apply to both of the Foxton Locks car parks?

Question for the District Council

The justification in the Plan for the deletion of the housing allocation on the corner of Vicarage Drive and Hog Lane in the made Plan is very clear. Nevertheless, by way of an update please can the District Council confirm that the circumstances of the site remain unchanged since the Plan was submitted.

Representations

The representations made to the review of the Plan are generally supportive of the approach taken. Nevertheless, does the Parish Council wish to comment on the contents of any of the representations?

Protocol for responses

I would be grateful for responses to the questions by 8 September 2021.

In the event that the responses are available separately I am happy to receive the information on a piecemeal basis. Irrespective of how the information is assembled please could it come to me directly from the District Council. In addition, please can the responses make direct reference to the policy or the matter concerned.

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