

Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

Modifications Statement

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Major (material) updates to the 'Made' Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan (9 October 2014)

Planning process

Following a considerable amount of community consultation, the first Billesdon Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' by Harborough District Council on 9 October 2014 following a successful local referendum. The Plan is over five years old and Billesdon Parish Council has decided to review and update it to take account of the latest national planning advice, the Harborough Local Plan and to respond to some of the planning decisions and developments that have taken place in the last few years.

These revisions have been incorporated into a new (Submission) Draft version of the Billesdon Neighbourhood Development Plan Review. However, the broad nature of the Neighbourhood Plan has changed little.

Planning Strategy

The Parish Council has concluded that some material changes to the Neighbourhood Plan are required but the broad nature of the Plan should not change. No completely new housing or employment allocations are planned.

Neighbourhood Plan Policies

The main changes are:

- Added support for biodiversity (Policy BPr16);
- More protections for built heritage and archaeology, including ridge and furrow fields (Policy BPr19);
- The former lorry park on Gaulby Road is now allocated for housing development, having previously been identified as a housing reserve site (Policy BPr3);
- Measures to bring forward the redevelopment of the former Highway Depot on Gaulby Road (Policy BPr8);
- Provision for a new playing field is retained but there is more flexibility on its location (Policy BPr12);
- Rewriting of policy BP2 (now Policy BPr1) setting out the housing requirement for Billesdon and how it will be delivered;
- A new policy (Policy BPr2) to incorporate Limits to Development and set out how development within and outside Limits to Development will be dealt with. Limits to Development for Billesdon have been used to guide development for many years and were included in the first Neighbourhood Plan. Policy BPr2 clarifies that outside the Billesdon Limits to Development, housing development will be determined in accordance with Harborough Local Plan Policy GD4 (the Local Plan having been adopted after the first neighbourhood Plan was 'made'). The extent of the Billesdon Limits to Development have been updated to take account of the character of the village, recent and proposed developments.

Note on the Nature of the Changes

In accordance with Neighbourhood Planning Guidance, the Qualifying Body needs to take a view on the changes and whether they are so substantial as to change the nature of the Plan and give reasons. Where modifications do not change the nature of

the plan and the Planning Authority and Independent Examiner agree, a referendum is not required.