

Andrew

Thank you for the opportunity to comment at this stage of the examination. Having read the Parish Council response it appears to deal with the points of clarification you have raised.

Just a couple of additional comments from the District Council which may provide additional clarity.

Re Updated Housing Land Supply

The District Council provided an estimated figure for housing requirement beyond 2031, however the Billesdon Review period is stated as being 2022 to 2031 i.e. coterminous with the Local Plan 2011 to 2031. The review of the Local Plan is ongoing (currently completing [Regulation 18 consultation](#) this week) and the preferred option for settlement development have not been finalised. The new Local Plan will consider the period to 2041.

Re: Settlement Boundaries

The Council is generally supportive of the inclusion of a settlement boundary in Neighbourhood Plans and does not consider them to be in conflict with the Local Plan Policies. A settlement boundary policy is an appropriate policy to permit and direct development in conjunction with other policies, for the following reasons:

- The settlement boundary policy represents an enabling tool for residential development that would otherwise not, necessarily have policy support and provides a mechanism to define the area within which proposals for housing development will be conditionally supported and will guide development to sustainable solutions.
- LP Policy GD2 and other policies in the LP are clear that development sites must be directed towards appropriate locations. This also includes considering the nature, form and character of the settlement and its distinctiveness. A Neighbourhood Plan settlement boundary policy considers the local context for development and can allow small numbers of new dwellings to be built in the most appropriate locations for communities.
- The settlement boundary policy adds a local layer of detail to what constitutes the built area of Billesdon

To be clear and justified the settlement boundary should follow logical boundaries that are evident on the ground.

Re: Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Register

As of the end of Base Period 8 (30 October 2023), Harborough's Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Register indicated a demand for 185 self/custom build from 183 individuals and 1 association.

To meet its Duty under Self-build and Custom Housebuilding legislation, the Council should have granted permission for at least 87 self-build/custom build plots (Base Periods 1–5 total) by the end of Base Period 8. However, planning permission for only 27 plots had been granted.

This means a shortfall of 60 self-build plots is carried forward. In addition to this shortfall, a further 34 self-build plots for BP6 will need to be granted planning permission by 30 October 2024 for the Council to meet its statutory Duty.

Further detailed information:

Number on Register by Base Period as at end of BP8

Base Period	Individuals	Associations	Plots required
1 (launch - 30/10/16)	7	0	7
2 (31/10/16 -30/10/17)	14	0	14
3 (31/10/17-30/10/18)	10	0	10
4 (31/10/18-30/10/19)	17	0	17
5 (31/10/19-30/10/20)	39	0	39
6 (31/10/20-30/10/21)	34	0	34
7 (31/10/21-30/10/22)	28	1	30
8 (31/10/22-30/10/23)	34	0	34
Totals	183	1	185

Section 2A duty: ‘Duty to grant planning permission etc’ The Council as local planning authority must give suitable development permission in respect of enough serviced plots of land to meet the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding in its area arising in each base period. At the end of each base period, the Council has 3 years in which to permission an equivalent number of plots of land, which are suitable for self-build and custom housebuilding, as there are entries for that base period

East of Lutterworth SDA: Please note that the 27 planning permissions granted does not include the 15 plots to be delivered as part of the East of Lutterworth SDA. These are not included these as they are not yet available.

Regards