

Corby Glen Neighbourhood Development Plan

Examiner's Clarification Note

This Note sets out my initial comments on the submitted Plan. It also sets out 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 Plan provides a clear and concise vision for the neighbourhood area. The relationship between the objectives of the Plan and its policies is very clear (as set out in the table in Section 6).

The presentation of the Plan is very good. The difference between the policies and the supporting text is very clear. The Plan makes good use of various maps, photographs and illustrations which are produced to a high quality.

The Plan is underpinned by a series of informative background documents and includes a healthy package of non-land use planning issues.

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 able to raise issues for clarification with the Parish Council.

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

I set out specific policy clarification points below in the order in which they appear in the submitted Plan:

Policy CG2

I can see the supporting text relating to the policy and the community's comments on the added value of the policy beyond the approach taken in the Local Plan.

Nevertheless, for development management purposes does the policy bring any added value beyond local planning policies?

Policy CG8

I saw the importance of the Market Square during the visit.

I am minded to recommend that the policy is modified so that it sets out a positive approach (what developers should do) rather than the negative approach as submitted.

Does the Parish Council have any comments on this proposition?

Policy CG10

The policy takes a positive approach to this matter. Nevertheless, does it bring any added value beyond national and local planning policies?

Policy CG11

This is a good policy.

Policy CG12

The policy approach taken towards the proposed Local Green Spaces (LGSs) has regard to the approach taken in the NPPF.

The proposed LGSs are supported by the information in the submitted Evidence Document.

Policy CG15

This is another good policy. However, what is the purpose of the second sentence of the policy? Is it necessary in the broader context of the remainder of the policy?

Policy CG16

Is there a specific reason why the two community halls are not included within the schedule of facilities in Policy CG15?

I am minded to recommend that the policy is combined with Policy CG15. Does the Parish Council have any comments on this proposition?

Community Aspirations

The Aspirations are distinctive to the parish. They are set out in a separate part of the policy in accordance with national policy

Representations

Does the Parish Council wish to comment on any of the representations made to the Plan?

I would appreciate the Parish Council's comments on the detailed representations made on the Plan by South Kesteven District Council and the Ron Dawson Memorial Trust

Protocol for responses

I would be grateful for responses and the information requested by 31 July 2023. Please let me know if this timetable may be challenging to achieve. It is intended to maintain the momentum of the examination.

If certain responses are available before others, I would be 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 all responses make direct reference to the policy or the matter concerned.

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