

Independent Examination of the Calverton Neighbourhood Plan Submission Draft (November 2016)

Note from Examiner – Robert Yuille MSc DipTP MRTPI

Introduction

1. I have been appointed by Gedling Borough Council (the Local Planning Authority) and Calverton Parish Council (the Qualifying Body) to conduct the independent examination of the Submission Draft of the Calverton Neighbourhood Development Plan (CNP).
2. The principal purpose of the Examination is to consider whether the CNP meets the basic conditions. These are:
 - having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the CNP;
 - the making of the CNP contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
 - The CNP meets prescribed conditions and complies with prescribed matters
 - the making of the CNP is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of Gedling Borough Council;
 - the making of the CNP does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations; and
 - the making of the CNP does not have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations, 2010) or a European offshore marine site (as defined in the Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations, 2007) whether alone or in combination with other plans or projects.
3. I am also required to consider whether the CNP is compatible with Convention rights as defined in the Human Rights Act 1998, whether the CNP complies with the provisions made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the neighbourhood area to which the CNP relates.
4. The normal procedure for Neighbourhood Plan Examinations is that they are conducted by written representations with any site visits being unaccompanied. A public hearing should only be held when the Examiner considers that a key issue should be examined in more depth or to ensure that a person has a fair chance to put a case. It is up to the Examiner to decide who is invited to speak.

Purpose of this Note

5. The purpose of this Note is to state my decision that a Hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving oral representations, and to set out the arrangements for the Hearing.

6. In the interests of transparency, this Note and any responses to it will be made publicly available so that all persons interested can follow the process.

Hearing

7. I have determined that a Hearing is necessary to ensure adequate examination of a number of issues that have arisen. These are set out in the formal Agenda for the Hearing which is attached as an Annex to this Note. The absence of an issue should not be read as an indication that I do not consider it to be important. Rather it means that I am satisfied that I can deal with it on the basis of the written representations and other documents before me.
8. The Hearing, which is a public hearing, will take place on **Tuesday, 11th July 2017** between 10.00 a.m. and 16.00 p.m. at:
Calverton Village Hall
William Lee Memorial Park
Park Road
Calverton
Nottingham
NG14 6SA.
9. Invitations will shortly be extended to the Representatives who I wish to hear from as listed in the Annex to this Note. Members of the public can also attend and will, with my agreement, be able to speak.
10. In addition to the Agenda for the Hearing, the Annex also contains guidance for the conduct of the Hearing and a supplementary note to the Agenda containing further questions on the Matters and Issues that I wish to discuss at the Hearing.

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