

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE CALVERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Mr. Siviter

REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: CALVERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

As you will be aware I have been appointed to examine the Calverton Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan). I have read the Plan and the Regulation 16 consultation responses to it.

I have preliminary concerns about the apparent level of disagreement between Calverton Parish Council on the one hand and Gedling Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council on the other about whether the Plan meets the Basic Conditions. I am particularly concerned by the suggestion that the Plan is not in general conformity with the emerging Gedling Local Planning Document (LPD).

It is part of my job to test whether the Plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies in the adopted development plan not the emerging development plan, even where, as with LPD, that emerging plan is at an advanced stage. Nonetheless the reasoning and evidence which underpin the LPD could be of relevance in examining the Plan. For example, the LPD allocates a number of housing sites in Calverton. Presumably this is based on up to date housing needs evidence. If so this evidence would be a relevant consideration in determining whether the Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. It is important, therefore, that the Plan and the LPD produce complementary policies and that conflicts between them be minimised.

What I would like to happen, therefore, is that the three Councils meet, resolve their disagreements as far as possible and produce a statement of common ground. If this statement of common ground includes any proposed modifications then the precise wording of those modifications should be included. If this statement of common ground leaves unresolved any fundamental issues then it may be that I will need to hold a hearing session to explore the evidence.

It would be useful if the statement of common ground could be prepared by 28 April 2017. I will be delaying my site visit until after I have considered the statement of common ground.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of both this letter and the respective response (in due course) are placed on the relevant websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

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Examiner