Comments

Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan - Publication Plan Consultation (18/12/19 to 12/02/20)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Comment ID</th>
<th>104</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Response Date</td>
<td>12/02/20 14:24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Consultation Point</td>
<td>Mawsley (View)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Status</td>
<td>Processed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Submission Type</td>
<td>Web</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>0.1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Representation

Please use a separate form for each representation.

Which part of the Publication Plan does your representation relate to?

Policy MAW1 (RA/174)

Tests of Soundness

Do you consider the Local Plan is sound in terms of being:

- **Justified**
- **Effective** Yes
- **Positively prepared** Yes
- **Consistent with National Policy** Yes

Legal and Procedural requirements

- Do you consider the Local Plan has been prepared in line with legal procedural requirements? Yes

Duty to Cooperate

- Do you consider the Local Plan to be compliant with the Duty to Cooperate? Yes

Attendance at the examinations hearings

- If you are seeking to change the Plan, would you like to attend the examination hearings? Yes
**If Yes, please outline the reason(s) why, below.**

Mawsley is a new village built from around the year 2000 and completed in its original form around five years ago.

The original masterplan was for 750 houses which part way through the development was contested and allowed on appeal and increase in the density within the defined village limits which now has created a village of some 950 homes.

The infrastructure and facilities were designed around a village of 750 with the recognition for example of the Doctor's surgery and school that it would be hub for services for surrounding villages, which it is.

The village should be allowed to settle for a period of years, for the community to mature, before consideration of additional housing out with the current village "boundary".

The open countryside that cuts into the village at this point is not dissimilar to other villages where open countryside adds to the character and feel of a village. The vision was always for a traditional Northamptonshire Village, not an estate in the open countryside. This has been achieved.

"Filling in" this open countryside would be detrimental to the character of the village and give the impression that it is simply and estate in the open countryside.

The roads within the village were specifically designed to inhibit speeding and physically (as much as possible) keep traffic at 20 mph (which is the village-wide limit). The access roads to the development are not suitable either for construction traffic or the increase volume of traffic that additional housing would generate.

Many of the original residents of the village have endured the disruption of construction traffic and the disturbance to their lives caused by the final building. It would seem unreasonable at this time to create additional disruption to residents.

Furthermore both Broughton and Mawsley have received significant growth within the current plan period whilst unfairly in my opinion Geddington, a village of similar size has received and has planned significantly less housing requirement in this SPP2. Whilst is it not a given, Geddington has been bypassed and has facilities which could and would benefit from additional housing, which happens in many cases where a bypass has been built.

In a simple trade off between an additional 55 houses in Mawsley or Geddington there are greater benefits in allocating in a village which has had significant public funds invested in a bypass. Equally locations in Geddington are largely accessed from the old A43 directly onto a former A road rather than through an established residential area.

I have de this point before that the distribution of housing in Broughton and Mawsley is unfair and less practical that would be the case in Geddington.

My suggestion is that this additional development in Mawsley is not well located or well considered in relation to other options available in a similar sized village and should be deleted from the plan being considered.

**Notifications**

**Do you wish to be notified?**

- When the Plan is submitted for independent examination?
- When the Inspector's Report is published?
- When the document is adopted?