

## Comments

### Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan - Main Modifications Consultation (19/03/21 to 30/04/21)

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#### **Which Main Modification, change to the Policies Map or section of the Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum or Habitat Regulations Assessment Addendum does your comment relate to?**

MM27 and PM16

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#### **Representation**

As a resident of Loddington village I wish to object to the deletion of Historically and Visually Important green space status with specific reference numbers HV1027, HV1028 and HV1054.

Whilst I have read the inspectors recommendations that the removal of the above status, I cannot see the purpose of doing so. This open space in Loddington has been a feature of the village for generations, allowing a unique feel to entering the village. Aesthetically it creates an open feel to the surrounding and reduces a perception of over development often seen in many Northamptonshire villages.

The dry stone wall on 2 sides of HV1028 is of historical value, attached to Loddington house and included in its curtilage would support a grade two English heritage listing, and therefore open visual access to these walls over open fields has been a sight enjoyed by generations of residents and should be protected.

The field HV1027 is used by the local farmer for grazing cattle, reinforcing the rural feel to the village and arguably has a stress relieving quality to its aspect.

It has been reported that the stress experienced by many of the population in urban environments due to Covid-19 Lockdown over the last year has been exacerbated by lack of access to open space. During these difficult times I find it hard to understand why the reclassification of these sites would prove any positive purpose.

Alternatively keeping this extra protection and classification on these areas will allow residents the comfort that, in a world where housing development progresses at a significant rate, the government appreciates the protection and appropriate classification of areas that are of both historical and aesthetic value to help in protection of mental health and wellbeing of the residents.

I would urge the inspectors to reconsider their recommendations and allow the 'Historically and visually important green space' to remain. After all the 'Local Plan' that we were all able to comment on and assumed was ratified last year needs no change considering it had already passed consultation and

input by local residents and the parish council and in a democracy you could argue is the will of the people.