

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?

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Representation

I am writing to indicate my disbelief/annoyance at the removal of the Local Green Spaces from the Local Plan.

The letter from KBC to Braybrooke Parish Council states your 'disappointment'. It may be disappointing to you but it could and will be devastating to us who live in the village. HVI006 and HVI007 run through the middle of the village so unlike many villages where only the houses on the outside enjoy open views, because of the open spaces it means that an extra 27 houses can look over an open piece of land. In terms of wildlife, it is crucial that, the parish not being a wooded area, the river, long grass and hedges it contains, enables wildlife to move freely through the village. This in turn brings more people into contact with wildlife and instils much enjoyment. The open spaces are basically responsible for the whole feel of the village.

Looking more broadly, if non-visual criteria were used back in 2015, Top Orchard, an area of land behind the Swan pub, would not have been omitted from the plan and therefore the village envelope would not have been changed allowing potential building. Bearing in mind the huge response from villagers against this prospect, we will have no choice but to lose that area and all the multitude of wildlife that it supports. Bearing in mind we have objective evidence for the presence of a near endangered species of bat within the village, loss of Top Orchard in its current form will adversely affect foraging and roosting potential for all bats.

I personally feel thoroughly let down by KBC and am astonished that a plan can stand when its underpinnings are incorrect. Simply noticing now that things have been done incorrectly but accepting that too much time has passed to revisit processes makes a travesty of the whole thing. This totally disenfranchises people who we on the parish council have tried quite successfully to engage. The 'what's the point?' attitude has raised its head again.