

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 PM3 Burton Latimer

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Representation

Harris Lamb Planning Consultancy has been instructed by xxxxx to submit this representation in support of MM27 and the changes proposed to PM3: Burton Latimer.

These modifications relate to Policy NEH3 Historically and Visually Important Local Green Space and have been made by the Council in response to the Inspectors comments in EXAM 19 – Inspector’s Interim Findings.

This is matter that was discussed at some length at the relevant Hearing Session and revolved around how Local Green Spaces should be identified in accordance with Paragraph 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

In this context, a fundamental component when considering whether to designate a site as a Local Green Space is whether the site in question is demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular local significance. With the Council changing their approach to only include sites that were specifically identified by the local community and that have been shown to be demonstrably special, this now better reflects the provisions of Paragraph 100. It also ensures that only those sites that meets the criteria are given the additional level of protection that comes with a Local Green Space designation. It is not for us to comment on whether the four sites that continue to be identified in Policy NEH3 meet the criteria in Paragraph 100. However, we do support the removal of HVI057a from the list of sites to be designated and the related changes that remove this designation from PM3.

xxxxx has maintained throughout the local plan process that HVI057a is not demonstrably special to the local community and does not hold a particular local significance. This was evidence by the site not being identified by the local community and the fact that only a single, one line representation had been received in relation to this site, which made no attempt to explain why the site should be considered as special and/or locally significant.

We consider that HVI057a does not meet the criteria in Paragraph 100 and we support the Council’s decision to no longer pursue a Local Green Space designation on this site.