

## **Ashperton Neighbourhood Development Plan Examination**

### **Request for further information and questions from the Examiner to Herefordshire Council and Ashperton Parish Council**

I have carried out a preliminary review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the evidence submitted in support of it and there are a few points where I need some clarification or further information. I would therefore be grateful if both Councils could assist me, as appropriate, in answering the following questions.

#### 1. Settlement Boundary Map

At the top of page 34 there is an untitled map which shows the settlement boundary for Ashperton. However, the boundary on this map is different to that shown on the coloured Ashperton Policies Map. Please can you confirm that the Policies map is the correct version?

#### 2. Sites for Development Ashperton Village

There are two statements about the number of planning consents in the village in Section 5.4. The first is in the second paragraph on page 36 which states that there are planning permissions for 15 dwellings plus 3 dwellings at or near completion at July 2019. The second statement, at the top of page 38, updates the position to August 2019. I think, therefore, that the earlier paragraph is now superseded and can be deleted. Please can you confirm that this interpretation is correct?

#### 3. Land to rear of school

I saw from my recent site visit that the area of land within the settlement boundary and to the rear of the school appears to be an important part of the school grounds, being laid out with formal pitches and other equipment to support games and outdoor recreation. During the course of preparing the NDP was any consideration given to designating this area behind the school for recreation purposes to be protected under Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy Policy OS3 – Loss of open space, sports or recreation facilities?

#### 4. Site N7 Church Lane

There seems to be an inconsistency between the text on under the heading N7 Church Lane on page 37 which states that an extensive site north of Church lane has “not been Identified as a proposed development site within the plan” and the settlement boundary depicted on the Ashperton Policies

Map which shows the site as being within the settlement boundary and therefore, by implication, capable of being developed. Please can this inconsistency be explained?

#### 5. Policy E4 Wildlife and the Natural Environment

Criterion d) of Policy E4 refers to “locally important sites”. I think these may be the Local Wildlife Sites which are shown on the Ashperton Policies Map shaded in brown. Please can you confirm that is this is correct?

Thank you for your assistance with these questions. Once I have received your responses, I may need to ask for further clarification or further queries may arise as the examination progresses.

Please note that these questions and requests for information is a public document and the answers and any associated documents will also be in the public domain. Both my questions and the responses should be placed on the Councils’ websites as appropriate.

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