

Haughley Neighbourhood Plan Examination

Questions of clarification from the Independent Examiner to the Parish Council and MSDC

Having completed my initial review of the Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan), I would be grateful if both Councils could kindly assist me as appropriate in answering the following questions which either relate to matters of fact or are areas in which I seek clarification or further information. Please do not send or direct me to evidence that is not already publicly available.

1. The Plan area is not coterminous with the administrative boundary for the Parish. There are two differences; a) an area to the southeastern part of the Parish and south of the A14 has been excluded and b) an area to the north of the A14 lying within Harleston Parish has been included. I seek the views of both parties on what might be an appropriate referendum area.
2. Please could MSDC briefly confirm the latest position on the emerging Joint Local Plan?
3. Please could MSDC confirm (or not) agreement to the housing figures put forward in the Plan and whether (or not) this will generally conform to the strategic housing needs requirements for the District based on the latest available information.
4. Please briefly update me on the latest position on any planning application/appeal on the sites which are wholly or partly subject to Policies HAU3, HAU4 and HAU5.
5. In relation to Policy HAU6 –
 - a. It refers to a) the ex-Little Chef building adjacent to the Travelodge, old A14 indicating its reuse is acceptable for Use Classes A3 or B2 and b) the Tothill site and its acceptability for A1, A3 and B1 uses. Please point me to the justification or explanation as to why these uses are considered appropriate on these particular sites (and why other uses are considered to be inappropriate)?
 - b. Please briefly update me on the latest position planning application DC/18/03592 in relation to Haughley Park.
 - c. Please inform me of any other planning applications or appeals which concern the three sites referred to in this policy since the submission document was submitted.
6. Policy HAU14 refers to proposed Local Green Spaces. Please provide clear(er) map(s) of the a) village green, b) Church graveyard and c) Haughley Castle Motte and Bailey. I found Proposals Map PM2 hard to decipher as these three areas seem to overlap with a Visually Important Open Space (VIOS) designation and it is not clear to me what the extent of the proposed Local Green Spaces are. It may be necessary to clarify the extent of the VIOSs as well. In addition, please confirm whether the Haughley Castle Motte and Bailey includes any buildings?
7. A number of views are identified on various Proposals Maps, but there appears to be no policy reference to views in the Plan. Is this correct?

It may be the case that on receipt of your anticipated assistance on these matters that I need to ask for further clarification or that further queries will occur as the examination progresses. Please note that this list of clarification questions is a public document and that your answers will also be in the public domain. Both my questions and your responses should be placed on the Councils' websites as appropriate.

With many thanks.

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