

KINVER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION –

Kinver Neighbourhood Plan response (26 May 2023) to Examiner's query regarding: SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COMMENTS ON KINVER PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S QUESTIONS

We believe that the issues raised have in general already been dealt with, but perhaps some clarification is in order. Our notes are in blue.

Policy KN02 Clause 1a:

The policy specifically refers to development within the settlement boundaries.

- a. Within the Kinver, Lawnswood, New Wood and Stourton development boundaries (see Map KN02-1)

Given the limited land availability within these small settlement boundaries, there is no potential for major developments.

Policy KN02 Clause 1e

Consistency with the NPPF is assumed.

Policy KN02 Clause 4

As indicated, the allocation is based on the Kinver Housing Needs Assessment. It is therefore appropriate to Kinver's Neighbourhood Plan. The intention is to influence the mix of affordable housing rather than to modify the proportion. We believe that this adds detail, but does not undermine the spatial strategy in the Local Plan, so is in general conformity.

Policy KN11

We believe we have provided justification for the proposed allocations. We would reiterate that although the protection is similar to that for green belt, the purpose of Local Green Space designation is related to community value, which is different to the 5 purposes for green belt. The interpretation includes this clarification. Similarly, policies on playing fields protect the facility, but this protection is not site-specific and does not take account of wider community value. The intention of the designation is to recognise this community value. The interpretation includes this clarification. Clause 2 of the policy applies design requirements which are relevant to this community value.

We would comment that we have communicated with the council on this matter during previous consultations, and we have made amendments to the proposed LGS list in the light of their comments. The council has seen the list, and associated site information over several months:

- April 2022 onwards
- Reg 14 Consultation 23 August to 5 October (containing full LGS site details)

- Second Reg 14 Consultation 11 October to 22 November (containing full LGS site details)

On 22 November, the council wrote to us confirming their response to the Regulation 14 consultations as follows:

"Policy KN11 Local Green Spaces

It is noted that the draft neighbourhood plan includes a number of Local Green Space allocations. For these, justification will need to be provided to demonstrate how the proposed Local Green Space allocations satisfy the criteria for designation requirements in the NPPF paragraph 102."

Only now after submission has the council made these strong negative representations across the board.