

Horsted Keynes NDP

Notes of Teleconference

26 June 2018

Present:

Andrew Ashcroft	Independent Examiner
Alice Henstock	MSDC
Lois Partridge	MSDC
Andrew Marsh	MSDC
David Colville	Horsted Keynes Parish Council
Chris Bodwen	Horsted Keynes Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Consultant

AA Update on Examination Findings

AA indicated that the critical element was the extent to which the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) complied with EU obligations. He also explained that this meeting was being held at this stage of the examination as an exploratory discussion would assist with clarification.

Sustainability Assessment

DC/CB advised that work had been carried out on the 'amalgamated site' at Jeffreys Farm as part of its work on the assessment of various potential housing sites. However, it was acknowledged that the 'amalgamated site' had not been assessed as a reasonable alternative in the SA. AA advised that on this basis the Plan did not meet the basic conditions and could not be recommended to proceed to referendum.

Policy HK1

AA advised that the reference in the second paragraph of the policy to proposals 'on land adjacent to the built-up area boundary' was unclear in the following areas:

- its origin within the plan-making process;
- the likelihood of proposals coming forward; and
- the relationship of any such sites to those which had not been pursued as part of the site selection process.

On this basis it was difficult to come to a conclusion in relation to the extent to which the policy has regard to national policy and is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan.

HRA

As submitted the HRA has now potentially been overtaken by the People Over Wind/Sweetman case. MSDC would need to reassess the matter.

Actions

1. HKPC to assess whether it wished the examination to proceed or whether it wished to withdraw the Plan.
2. AA to undertake no further work on the examination whilst this matter was being considered.
3. MSDC to advise AA of the outcome accordingly.

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