

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE HIGH LEICESTERSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

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To Harborough District Council and Tilton on the Hill and Halstead Parish Council

By email to Matthew Bills, Harborough District Council, and Jenny Saville, Clerk of Tilton on the Hill and Halstead Parish Council

Dated 28 October

2024

Dear Jenny and Matthew

**High Leicestershire Neighbourhood Development Plan Independent Examination Examiner letter seeking clarification of matters**

I am writing to seek clarification of the following matters as part of my consideration whether the Neighbourhood Plan meets the “Basic Conditions”

**Policy HL7 and Policy HL18 and the Policies Map and Map11**

1. Policies HL7 and HL18 refer to “Limits to Development” in respect of Tilton on the Hill. The Policies Map and Map11 show the alignment of “Limits to Development”. Paragraph 31 of the Framework requires all policies to be underpinned by relevant and up-to-date evidence that is adequate to justify the policy, and the Planning Practice Guidance states “Proportionate, robust evidence should support the choices made and the approach taken”. Please direct me to the part of the evidence base supporting the Neighbourhood Plan that sets out the criteria used in determining the alignment of the “Limits to Development” and the justification of the alignment chosen.

**Policy H17**

2. The redacted Regulation 16 representation of Shouler and Son, County Chambers, Kings Road, Melton Mowbray states “Thank you for the email regarding the neighbourhood plan at Tilton on the Hill. I wish to confirm that my client, Mr xx, supports the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and that the site is available, deliverable, and suitable for development in accordance with the proposed policy.” Please confirm this representation is on behalf of the owner of the site allocated for housing development in Policy HL17. Please also confirm the reference in the representation to “the site” is in respect of the site allocated for housing development in Policy HL17.

I request any response to these matters is agreed as a joint response of the Parish and District Councils wherever possible. This request for clarification of matters and any response should be published on the District Council website.

To maintain the momentum of the Independent Examination I would be grateful if a reply could be sent to me by Monday 4 November 2023.

For the avoidance of doubt recommendations of modification of the Neighbourhood Plan that may be contained in my report of Independent Examination will not be limited to those matters in respect of which I have requested clarification.

I should be grateful if the District Council and the Parish Council could acknowledge receipt of this email.

Best regards

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