

Fairford Neighbourhood Plan

Clarification Meeting

10 May 2017 10.30

Attendees:

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| Andrew Ashcroft | Independent Examiner |
| Cllr Richard Harrison | Fairford Town Council |
| Neil Homer | rCOH – Technical advisor to Fairford Town Council |
| James Brain | Cotswold District Council |
| Joseph Walker | Cotswold District Council |
| Nick Chisholm-Batten | AECOM – Technical advisor to Cotswold District Council |

Purpose of Meeting:

To address the issues raised on the submitted Sustainability Appraisal by Cotswold District Council and others.

Notes of Meeting:

NC-B highlighted the principal findings of the AECOM report (20/3/2017) prepared for CDC. The AECOM report was submitted as part of CDC's representations on the neighbourhood plan

These findings were summarised around the three principal areas set out in the conclusion of the AECOM report as follows:

- The options considered as reasonable alternatives, and the appraisal of these options lack sufficient detail;
- The SA report does not explain clearly why the preferred spatial strategy for the Plan has been chosen in the light of the findings of the appraisal; and
- There is no appraisal of the effects of the Plan as a whole, and only of individual policies.

These issues overlapped with other representations received on this matter in general, and from Gladman Developments in particular.

There was general discussion on the findings of the AECOM report. This discussion covered the following areas:

- The need for the SA to be proportionate to the task in hand;
- The relationship between the submitted neighbourhood plan and the adopted and the emerging local plan; and
- The difference between the emerging local plan and the submitted neighbourhood plan and its implication on the evidence required to underpin the site selection process.

- The Town Council's view that the submitted SA was sufficiently robust to meet the basic conditions
- The potential to secure amendments to the SA to clarify and address the points of concern

Outcomes

As a result of the discussions the following actions were agreed:

1. FTC to amend the SA to take account of the discussions at the meeting and the AECOM report.
2. CDC/AECOM to prepare a more detailed note setting out their technical comments on the areas of concern and to send this to FTC as quickly as possible
3. RH to report the outcome of the meeting to FTC.
4. FTC to commission rCOH to amend the SA, subject to obtaining the necessary authorisation
5. FTC to resubmit the SA to CDC (subject to 4 above)
6. CDC to carry out separate consultation on the re-submitted SA (subject to 4 and 5 above)
7. CDC to advise AA on progress on this matter in general, and the details of the re-consultation period in particular.

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12 May 2017.