



Re: Overstone Neighbourhood Plan Examination.

The Parish Council's responses to the examiner (Mr Ashcroft's) questions (in blue below) are as follows;

NB. Please note any reference to Daventry District Council (DDC) in the below text, relates to its designation at the time of devising the plan. As of April 1st 2021, DDC has been superseded by West Northamptonshire Council.

Policies 1 and 2

The effect of both policies is clear. However, I am minded to recommend a modification so that they would be applied proportionately based on the scale, nature and the location of the proposal concerned.

Does the Parish Council have any observations on this proposition?

Answer:

OPC would be in agreement, with your suggestions to recommend modifying these policies accordingly.

Policy 3

I am minded to recommend a modification so that the policy would be applied proportionately based on the scale, nature and the location of the proposal concerned and to have regard to the provisions of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations.

Does the Parish Council have any observations on this proposition?

Answer:

OPC would be in agreement, with your suggestions to recommend modifying this policy accordingly.

Policy 4

The approach relies on the identification of key community facilities. I can see that paragraph 4.4.5 lists the key facilities. Does the policy apply solely to those facilities?

Answer:

The list represents the four main community facilities available to Overstone residents at the time of devising the plan. However with the advent of the NNSUE within the Parish, additional facilities/services could be added to this list in the future.



Policy 6

As I read the policy it requires that development proposals meet the relevant criteria (rather than all the criteria, some of which may not relate to the proposal concerned). Is this interpretation of the policy correct?

Answer:

The intention of the policy is that all listed criteria should be met before development proposals would be considered. If your interpretation is considered otherwise then OPC would agree to modifying the policy accordingly.

Policy 8

In respect of LOS1 I saw that access was restricted to the south of the Church and in respect of LOS2 I saw that access was immediately restricted off Sywell Road. In practical terms how accessible are the proposed local open spaces?

Answer:

As per Daventry DC's Regulation 16 representation re Policy 8, it has been decided to re-designate LOS1 and LOS2 to be included as part of Policy 9 (Landscape and Sensitive Views). Sensitive views are by definition, areas considered to be of greater visual amenity to local residents and are not defined, as necessarily being open to public access.

Policy 9

As policies 1 and 2.

Answer:

OPC would be in agreement, with your suggestions to recommend modifying this policy accordingly.

Representations

Does the Parish Council wish to comment on any of the representations made to the Plan? In particular does the Parish Council wish to make any comments on the following representations:

- those which express concern about the proposed LOS1 in Policy 8;

Answer:

The main thread of these representations is the objection to the implication that by designating this LOS1 as an 'Open Space' it opens up the area to public access. This however is not the intention of the plan, rather than to afford the area protection the Local Open Space definition would give it, from any potential future development plans. However, to



allay these people's concerns, as per Daventry DC's Regulation 16 representation re Policy 8, it has been decided to re-designate LOS1 and LOS2 to be included as part of Policy 9 (Landscape and Sensitive Views). Sensitive views are by definition, areas considered to be of greater visual amenity to local residents and are not defined, as necessarily being open to public access.

- Mr Bletsoe-Brown (ONP20); and

Answer:

OPC have no further comment to make over and above those made as per the Regulation 14 and 16 responses to this representation. Other than to re-iterate the Village Confines (Policy 5) are defined (in strict accordance) as per the Local Plan for Daventry District.

- Moulton Parish Council (ONP25)?

Answer:

Moulton Parish Council's (MPC) 'long list' of suggested amendments to the plan, do mirror to a 'lesser extent' the representations made by Daventry DC. To that end OPC 'in the main', has declined to uphold MPC's recommendations as they are already covered by OPC's response to Daventry DC's submissions.

- The representation from Daventry District Council raises several detailed refinements to the Plan and its policies. It would be helpful if the Parish Council would indicate the extent to which it would be content to incorporate the various comments into the Plan.

Answer:

OPC is in agreement, with all of Daventry DC's recommended modifications and will be content to amend the NDP accordingly.