

Polesworth Neighbourhood Plan second response to Inspectors questions.

Nb WE have only had access to the information from the Borough section 16 consultation this week and via the links you provided. We are not quite sure quite what happened here, whether we missed something or it didn't get sent? Our consultant Michael Wellock is looking at this information and will come back with his view for Friday afternoon . We have included preliminary responses where we can but will be in touch again on Friday, Hope that's okay.

- 1) I can confirm that the plan is to be referred to as the Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan as on the front cover,
- 2) The Parish Council is the land owner for the Polesworth Station Rd, recreation ground, Warton recreation ground, Birchmoor recreation ground and The Spinney. The Parish Council is also the landowner for the car park and green space around the Memorial Hall and Library although the majority of this land was leased to the Community Association until 2054. Under the terms of this lease no further building is permitted on this land without the permission of the Parish Council. The Community Association also owns the lower field adjacent to the Parish Council land at the Station Rd recreation ground. While no formal consultation has occurred contact between the two groups is frequent and both are committed to maintaining this land as green space for the benefit of the community. With regard to the Glebe land surrounding the Abbey the Abbey is designated as a "Chancellors Living" which is a designation going back to the Reformation at the end of the 1530's. This means that the land is directly under the control of the incumbent, currently Father Philip Wells, who has attended some of our meetings and is aware of and in sympathy with our designation of this land as green space. North Warwickshire Borough Council is the land owner for the

Abbey Green Park and the County Council holds ownership of Pooley Country Park. The remaining open spaces within the various estates are maintained by the Borough Council and both Warwickshire County Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council are on our list of consultees.

- 3) The actual boundary of the area surrounding the Hoo Monument is not defined but the area of 1.83 hectares is included as being considered an appropriate area to afford the monument a degree of prominence within the proposed residential development and provide a green amenity area with the monument as its central feature, **The area has been proposed but not any specific boundary laid out as this will depend on the overall development of the area.**
- 4) The largest scale map we possess is a copy of the policies map at a scale of 1:4,541 which we are mailing to you.
- 5) **The St. John's allotments are located in Birchmoor between the St. John's Hall and the recreation ground. They are a small group of allotments owned by the Church and provide local people with the amenity of a garden area on which they can grow vegetables and enjoy the peace and tranquility offered by this well ordered space set aside for gardening which we believe should be retained as do the Church.**
- 6)As for question 4.
- 7)In the case of PNP2 sites it is primarily the loss of green space that is of concern as these spaces do provide an amenity in their particular context but degradation of the areas through activities such as unauthorised parking would be of concern.
- 8) **On reflection Tuesday evening we resolved that we had been possessed by a touch of overenthusiasm and agree with the Boroughs position.**

9) Our consultant Michael Wellock is looking into this question and we will supply our response Friday afternoon

10). The area of H4 is designated in the Local Plan as an area that can be developed for housing but it does not specify wall to wall housing. Any development can be sympathetic to the landscape features around it and minimise the impact on the visibly exposed landscape of the area. It should also have significant open areas within any development Plan. . We do think some confusion has arisen over an earlier statement of 10 acres which got reported as 10 hectares. We are seeking the 1.83 hectares specified surrounding the Hoo Monument.

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12) The assets referred to under PNP5 are those which the people who live in the civil parish of Polesworth believe should be recorded for posterity. This is merely a snapshot in time and as such these buildings and visages are important to the populus. There is no expectation of formal designation through the Neighbourhood

13) All are designated on the copy of the policy map we are sending to you. The heritage assets designated in our plan are the assets which the community identified through our consultation process. Our Heritage Conservation Officer has stated that she would need more information and detail in order to put them forward for designation on any Borough Council Local Heritage List; and is actively working with us towards this end but we cannot provide a definitive answer It is anticipated that the items listed in PNP5 will be submitted to the Borough Council Heritage and Conservation Officer for consideration for listing on the Councils formal Non-designated Heritage List. The format used in the Neighbourhood Plan was one in use when it was written, this has since been updated and some of the items will need to have additional information

researched and attached before such submission. The Officer has already intimated that she would support a large number of the items listed but other work would need to be done on the rest of the items before any submissions so at this stage they should go forward as non-designated assets.

14.) St Helena Roads designation as a sunken road is the Polesworth part of the road which continues into the next parish of Dordon and continues past a deserted village, which is clearly shown on early maps of the area. This type of road does not change its designation because of modern boundaries and is therefore part of a whole. With regard to the site of Hoo chapel; as it states in the Neighbourhood Plan the precise location of the chapel and other buildings is not known, although the graveyard of the chapel was located when the railway cutting went through it in the 1800s. The whole area is historically significant and extensive archaeological works need to be undertaken to ensure nothing is destroyed without records being made. Please see the Borough Heritage and Conservation Officers comments on the historical significance of the area. There is no conflict under their designation of 2.2.5 as the Local Plan does not envisage wall to wall buildings without any open green spaces. Therefore; looking at their designation 2.2.12 and 2.2.13 these items should not be removed from the Neighbourhood Plan.

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