

Earswick Neighbourhood Development Plan

Parish Council's Response to the Independent Examiner's Clarification Note

Points for Clarification

Policy ENP3

The Parish Council is happy to accept the Independent Examiner's recommendation that this policy is modified to adopt a format that 'supports' the initiatives identified. Would it be possible to just change the word "encouraged" to "required"?

Paragraph 141

The recommendation to modify the text so that "it adopts a more neutral tone" is acceptable to the Parish Council.

Policy ENP5

The size of LGS2 – Public Open Space – is 30 acres whilst LGS7 – the Flower Meadow – is 8 acres.

It should be noted that both these areas of land are wholly owned, managed and maintained by the Parish Council.

Policy ENP6

- As part of their Submission Consultation response on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, City of York Council (CYC) indicated that whilst reference to SLIs was included in draft versions of the Local Plan policies and Proposals Map these references were subsequently deleted in the submitted Local Plan (2018). As a result CYC are now recommending that the reference in para 153 "to continuing conversation regarding whether Local Green Spaces in Policy ENP5 become SLIs" is made into an Action Point for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan. In order to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is in conformity with the submitted Local Plan (2018) the Parish Council will modify para 153 in line with the CYC recommendation. Discussions will continue with CYC as to whether the three Local Green Spaces identified in ENP6 will become SLIs as part of an on-going Action Point.
- The overlap between the three sites and the proposed LGSs is there for a specific purpose in the event that the sites are not designated as SLIs (under ENP6) then they will still be afforded a degree of protection as Local Green Spaces (under ENP5).
- The Parish Council accept that ENP5 and ENP6 are similar, but feel that as there are other sites identified under ENP5 that will not be considered for

classification as SLIs, merely as Local Green Spaces, then it is important to have two distinct Policies.

- The Parish Council would be prepared to accept a rewording of ENP6 to reflect a more general policy.

Policies ENP9/10

Unfortunately the parish is very small. It does not have a church, school, doctor's surgery or village store. The only other building/structure of importance is Rose Cottage, which is already a Listed building, as mentioned in the text. As a result the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party were unable to identify any other buildings/facilities that required safeguarding under these two policies.

Policy ENP11

The Parish Council is happy to comply with the Independent Examiner's recommendation.

Policy ENP13

The Parish Council supports the approach outlined.

Representations made to the Plan

The Parish Council and its Neighbourhood Plan Working Party were grateful that the majority of the responses to the Plan were in support of its proposals.

The Parish Council has met (on the 22nd November) with CYC to discuss in more detail its comments. As a result the Parish Council supports the recommended amendments as detailed in their schedule.

The Parish Council does not feel that it can support the proposed allocation of development land on Green Belt land, as indicated in the reply from Lichfields on behalf of their client Bellway Homes, as it would not be in compliance with the Local Plan (2018) or the overwhelming majority of its residents.

The same comment also applies to the email from an Earswick resident who along with all residents in Earswick were given the opportunity to express and register their views as part of a village wide Residents Survey. Over 219 residents responded, 63% of the village, of which 61% indicated that they wished to see no future development of the Green Belt but were happy to see development of brownfield sites within the village. Since the commencement of the Plan some eleven dwellings on brownfield land have been built or had planning permission granted.