

## **Mutford Neighbourhood Development Plan**

### **Independent Examiner's Clarification Note**

#### ***Context***

This note sets out my initial comments on the submitted Plan. It also sets out areas where it would be helpful to have some further clarification. For the avoidance of any doubt matters of clarification are entirely normal at this early stage of the examination process.

#### ***Initial Comments***

The Plan is very well-presented. The quality of the photographs and maps is very good. It results in a very readable and interesting document. The distinction between the policies and the supporting text is very clear.

The Plan provides a clear and distinctive vision for the neighbourhood area. It is also clear that the production of the Plan has focused on appropriate matters for the parish

I have read the submitted documents and the representations made to the Plan. I have also visited the neighbourhood area. I am now in a position to raise some initial issues for clarification. They are for the Parish Council. The comments that are made on these points will be used to assist in the preparation of my report. They will also inform any potential modifications that may be necessary to the Plan to ensure that it meets the basic conditions.

#### ***Points for Clarification***

##### *Policy MNP1*

Does the penultimate paragraph intend to say that new development will not be supported in the area identified in Map 3?

Might there be some types of development that would be acceptable/appropriate?

##### *Policy MNP2*

I saw the importance of the setting of the Church on my visit.

Does the third paragraph of the policy relate to the final part of paragraph 28? If this is so I am minded to recommend a modification to the policy that achieves the outcome anticipated by paragraph 28. As submitted the policy implies that some additional protection would be devised.

Does the Parish Council have any comments on this proposition?

##### *Policy MNP10*

This policy is well-developed and is locally distinctive.

However, does its support for such proposals adjacent to either settlement boundary generate a conflict with Policy MNP1?

***Representations***

Does the Parish Council wish to comment on any of the representations received on the Plan?

***Protocol for responses***

I would be grateful for responses to the various questions by 24 July 2019. Please let me know if this timetable may be challenging to achieve. It reflects the factual basis of the questions raised.

In the event that certain responses are available before others I am happy to receive the information on a piecemeal basis. Irrespective of how the information is assembled please can all responses be sent to me by East Suffolk Council and make direct reference to the policy/issue concerned.

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