

SITE ALLOCATIONS PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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RESPONSE FORM

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- We want as many people as possible to submit views on the NWBC Preferred Options Paper. The simplest and cheapest way to comment is by e-mail at planningpolicy@northwarks.gov.uk. You can also download the Word version of the form and all related documents from www.northwarks.gov.uk/planningconsultations
- If you do not have access to a computer, or prefer to submit your responses in a different way, we would still like to receive your views. This form can be photocopied, or further copies requested via 01827 719499/451. Send completed forms to Planning Policy Team, Chief Executives Division, Council Offices, South Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 1DE
- Comments will be made available to the public.
- **Forms should be returned by Thursday 23rd May 2013**

EMPLOYMENT

1 Do you agree with the employment options EM1, EM2, EM3 and EM4? Please explain

We agree with the spatial approach however question the role identified for Option EM1 in Dordon in that it is to meet Local Needs. Birch Coppice is a strategic regional employment site and provides employment opportunities for people outside of North Warwickshire. As at 2001 19.1% of Tamworth residents worked in North Warwickshire. Given the significant increase in scale of Birch Coppice since it is anticipated that this relationship will have strengthened further. As such it should be reflected in the document that although the site doesn't provide land to meet specific employment needs of Tamworth it provides for significant employment opportunities for people at a greater than the local level. Therefore where possible sustainable links to major settlements should be encouraged.

RETAIL

2. Which option for Town centre Boundaries and Retail Frontages do you agree with RE1, RE2 and RE3. Please explain

We agree with approach RE1 to continue to identify and protect Primary and Secondary Frontages and Town Centre boundaries as shown in the 2006 Local Plan to help ensure a sustainable pattern of development.

3. Which of the Options NC1, NC2 and NC3 for Neighbourhood Centres do you prefer? Please explain the reason why?

We agree with approach NC1 to protect retail uses and restrict loss to non-retail uses to other town centre uses.

4) A potential retail development has been proposed by a developer as part of the development to the south of the A5 alongside the Dordon roundabout and Gypsy Lane. Do you support Options SM1, SM2 or SM3? Please explain

We support option SM2 to oppose a supermarket in this location because of the potential impact on the vitality and viability of Tamworth Town Centre and its network of Local and Neighbourhood Centres. Any such development should be located within an existing retail hierarchy.

5) Do you agree with the Preferred Site(s) allocated under each settlement?

YES

NO

If not please explain below – please use Site References where applicable (please use a separate form for each settlement)

We agree with the approach to the preferred sites however further clarification is needed within the document over which areas/sites are intended to meet the identified need of a minimum of 500 dwellings for Tamworth.

In relation to sites within Polesworth and Dordon, Hurley, Wood End and Kingsbury which are the largest settlements near to Tamworth, a capacity of 550 dwellings has been identified. We would seek clarification of the potential impact of the development on infrastructure and services located in Tamworth.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with you further on these matters.

6) If you know of any sites that you feel would be suitable to be developed for specialist accommodation to meet the needs of older people (including continuing and extra care facilities)? Or, do you think any of the potential residential sites identified in the Settlement sections would be suitable sites?

No comment

GREEN BELT SETTLEMENTS

7) Do you agree with INFILL OPTION 1 or INFILL OPTION 2? Please explain

No comment

OPTIONS FOR OPEN SPACE

8) Which Option (OS1, OS2, and OS3) do you prefer? Please explain the reason why?

No comment

NEW OPEN SPACE/RECREATION PROPOSALS

9) Which options do you agree with or prefer in Dordon and Atherstone? (DOR13, DOR17, ATHERSTONE OPEN SPACE - Option 1 or 2. If none please explain why?

No comment

10) Which Options do you support and why RR1, RR2, RR3, RR4, RR5 or RR6? If none please explain why

No comment

11) Do you agree with the proposed sites for Local Nature Reserves?

No comment

12). Are there any other specific uses, proposals or sites you prefer or that you feel are not covered, identified or addressed by the above Options in this Site Allocations Preferred Options Plan?

As previously stated in the response to Q5 clarification is needed as to where the 500 dwellings to meet Tamworth's needs established in the Memorandum of Understanding will be located and when.

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