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Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: Breedon on the Hill Neighbourhood Plan
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Hi Colin,

Hope all is good with you.

I understand that you have received a similar response to the work being undertaken on the Long Whaddon and Diseworth NP.

However for completeness, I can advise the following with respect to Breedon on the Hill Neighbourhood Plan.

The housing requirement for sustainable villages, has been updated, based on the annual requirement of 686 dwellings (as set out in the Statement of Common Ground). The distribution of the residual dwellings is the same as option 7b (of High Scenario 2 as set out in the Development Strategy Options and Policy Options consultation).

The annual requirement of 686 dwellings, minus commitments and distributed as per option 7b would equate to a requirement of 13 dwellings per sustainable village (to 2039).

In terms of the allocation of sites would the Parish Council formally write to us to:

- a) advise that they intend to identify sites as part of the Neighbourhood Plan,
- b) request that we not allocate any sites as part of the Local Plan process and;
- c) set out what their timetable is anticipated to be.

This will give us an opportunity to respond formally that in principle we agree subject to sufficient progress being maintained by the time we get to Reg19 and that if not we reserve the right to include sites in the local plan.

Kind Regards,

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Hi Alison,

Further to our discussion yesterday, I have spoken to Sam Lockwood, Parish Clerk to Breedon on the Hill Parish Council, on neighbourhood plan progress.

A first draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan has been well received but it currently does not address some of the key housing issues facing the area. As you are aware, the Parish Council has sought the District Council's views on the housing requirement for the neighbourhood area for the period 2021-2039. You indicated informally that a housing requirement based on an allocation(s) of around 15 dwellings, together with ongoing infill development, would be consistent with the emerging strategy of the new Local Plan. Perhaps you could confirm this.

On this basis the Parish Council is intending to undertake a local 'call for sites' to 'top-up' the North West Leicestershire Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). The Parish Council will then carry out an appraisal of options and an assessment of individual sites against clearly identified criteria in accordance with national guidance. This will be used to identify housing site allocation(s) to meet the housing requirement for inclusion in the neighbourhood plan.

The Parish Council is conscious that you will be moving forward with the preparation of the new Local Plan at the same time. You will be aware that Planning Practice Guidance (Paragraph, 043 Reference ID: 41-043-20140306) states:

If a local planning authority is also intending to allocate sites in the same neighbourhood area the local planning authority should avoid duplicating planning processes that will apply to the neighbourhood area. It should work constructively with a qualifying body to enable a neighbourhood plan to make timely progress. A local planning authority should share evidence with those preparing the neighbourhood plan, in order for example, that every effort can be made to meet identified local need through the neighbourhood planning process.

In other words, North West Leicestershire District Council is encouraged to facilitate the allocation of housing sites through the Breedon on the Hill Neighbourhood Plan process, rather than duplicate that process through the new Local Plan. This is an approach that is supported by the Parish Council and it is keen to work constructively with the District Council on this matter.

Kind Regards

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