

Highworth Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of the representations submitted to the independent Examiner

The Draft Highworth Neighbourhood Plan was published and consulted on by Swindon Borough Council 20th October to 1st December 2016.

27 representations were received in response to that consultation, and provided to the independent Examiner. These representations came from (or on behalf of):

Tim Bett	Environment Agency
Patrick Brennan	Historic England
Jane Baldwin	McLoughlin Planning
David Clarke	Natural England
Raymond Cocks	Oxfordshire County Council
Alexander Craigie	Persimmon Homes
Norman Edwards	Peter Arnel
Norman and Patricia Jeffery	Ramblers Association
Gary Llewellyn	Thames Water
R Maulik	SBC Highways
Andrew and Gill Pagan	SBC Historic Environment
Janice and Adrian Webb	SBC Planning Policy Officer Response
	SBC Property Assets
	Southern & Regional Developments Ltd
	Turley

The main issues raised were in relation to:

- The lack of consideration of rural areas and hamlets outside Highworth Town Centre within the Plan

- The evidence base which supports the plan
- The need to include buildings outside the Plan Area that make a positive contribution to the landscape
- The site selection process and failure to include Shrivenham Road site
- Access issues and potential traffic impacts regarding the two selected sites
- Potential impact on trees and wildlife within the selected sites
- The requirement for Odour and Noise Surveys for the Crane Furlong site prior to submitting a planning application
- Whether Highworth TC Planning Committee has been formally delegated to take decisions regarding the Neighbourhood Plan
- The settlement boundary as identified in the Plan and whether it should identify the sensitive hilltop setting
- The inclusion of Blackworth Industrial Estate within the settlement boundary
- Which spaces should be designated Local Green Spaces and which should be designated Open Spaces

Full copies of the representations can be found at:

<http://ww1.swindon.gov.uk/ep/ep-planning/planningpolicy/Pages/Neighbourhood-Planning.aspx>