

# Waterbeach Parish Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Consultation response to the Main Modifications Consultation Report in respect to the emerging Local Plan Jan-Feb 2018 – deadline 16 February 2018**

**Please find below the comments from Waterbeach Parish Council to the above consultation. The Parish Council would like to make it clear that the comments and objections made below are made without prejudice to its WPCs outstanding objection to the proposed development of the Waterbeach New Settlement as a whole - as previously expressed in the local plan preparation.**

**SC-MM056**

WPC strongly object to the insertion of the word **approximately** in to the policy as it reduces clarity and precision and it is not clear from the text what the term approximately means in this context.

It is noted that the actual number is to be assessed through the SPD which is not yet published and the Parish Council has no confidence that this will adequately control the development or meet its aspirations in terms of housing numbers, spatial layout and delivery.

It is therefore unreasonable to make reference to the outcome of the SPD as a driver for the Local Plan- it should be the other way round- one is clearly supplementary to the other and the answer is in the title of the document.

**CS-MM057**

WPC objects to the proposed change in wording as it wishes to see a degree of physical separation between the village and the proposed new settlement. It requests that the wording shown to be deleted 'will be- Green Belt' be retained.

WPC is content with the proposed new wording 'will be-- Sub region' and considers that this can follow the retained wording above.

### **SC-MM058**

WPC objects to the proposed change and requests that the original wording be retained as it wishes to see a degree of physical separation between the village and the proposed new settlement.

### **SC-MM059**

WPC is concerned to see reference to a relocated railway station which implies that a decision has already been taken. This is a highly contentious issue locally so a presumption to this effect should be avoided.

### **C-MM062**

WPC requests reference be made to the impact of the proposed settlement on the village of Chittering in the modification. It therefore requests the insertion of 'Chittering,' after 'Waterbeach village'.

### **SCMM063**

WPC objects to the proposed modification as it considered that this could lead to open space being moved off site to enable additional housing numbers within the development site. It is requested that the modification be amended to read-  
c1<sup>st</sup> sentence – reinstate the deleted the words 'and formal open spaces uses' so that the paragraph reads 'All the built development and formal open space uses will be provided within the Major development site.... '

In addition, it is requested that the wording be changed to require that all informal space is also incorporated within the SS5 site.

WPC wishes to see the second sentence 'Land outside the- informal open space' deleted in its entirety as it is seen as a way of increasing housing numbers within the SS5 site by off-siting amenity and informal open space which adds to the density of the residential environment.

### **SC-MM067-71**

On modification please see 067 – the same point applies here re the reference to a relocated railway station.

### **SC-MM072**

WPC strongly objects to the amended wording in 16a as it requires forthcoming development to be compliant with a spatial framework diagram from a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which is not yet public and that WPC is concerned will include elements of design, layout, phasing and implementation that it continues to object to. Moreover WPC has not been consulted on the draft spatial framework diagram.

It is considered unreasonable to make reference to compliance with a document that is not yet available for public consultation.

**SC-MM073**

WPC objects to the proposed modification 17d and requests that section 17d is deleted (for consistency with comments made above).

**SC-MM074**

WPC objects to the proposed modification as it does not reflect the actuality of the preparation of the SPD.

Members do not feel they have been properly or meaningfully consulted on the SPD. So while the comment is acceptable as a statement of intent it has not yet been delivered.

SCDC planners must take note of the requirements to involve the local community.

**SC-MM075**

WPC objects to the proposed modification and requests that the final sentence is deleted [from 'There may be scope--through the SPD'.]

See previous comments in relation to off siting open space. Members felt that this should not be an excuse to offset the open space within the new town.

**SC-MM076**

WPC objects to the proposed modification and requests that it is deleted in full and the original wording retained with one exception – the reference to SPD rather than AAP.

Yours faithfully



**Shelley Mason**