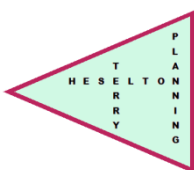


Independent Examination of the Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan

Examination Update and Questions to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and Dinnington St John's Town Council

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I have now completed my initial assessment of the examination documents and Regulation 16 Representations and would advise you as follows.

1.0 Responses to the Regulation 16 Publicity

- 1.1 I have received responses to the Regulation 16 Publicity (via Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council) from eleven individual members of the public and from or on behalf of sixteen local and national organisations. All of the responses were submitted within the 6 weeks publicity period and will be taken into account as part of the examination.
- 1.2 Following the invitation made in my Examination Procedure Note Dinnington St John's Town Council has provided me with some general comments on the responses to the Regulation 16 Publicity.
- 1.3 In order to ensure openness and transparency the Town Council's comments on the Regulation 16 responses should be published on Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's website for information.
- 1.4 This should be accompanied by a note clarifying that I am not inviting comments on the Town Council response and this is not a further opportunity to comment on the Plan.

2.0 Need for a Hearing

- 2.1 From my initial assessment of the submitted documentation and Regulation 16 Representations I am satisfied that the examination can proceed without the need for a hearing. However I will keep this under review as the examination progresses and advise you further should the need arise.

3.0 Regulatory Requirements

- 3.1 I have also identified a number of issues that require clarification. The following questions are directed at Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council but may necessitate consultation with Dinnington St John's Town Council.

Designation of the Neighbourhood Area – Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

- 3.2 Please confirm and provide evidence that the Regulation 5, 6 and 7 requirements have been satisfied, with relevant dates, as there is no remaining evidence on the City Council's website. I appreciate that Council websites are frequently updated to avoid becoming overloaded with information so forgive me if I have missed a link to archived material.

Consultation with Consultation Bodies – Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

- 3.3 Please provide confirmation and evidence that relevant (Schedule 1) Consultation Bodies that were consulted at Regulation 14 stage by the Town Council were notified as part of the Regulation 16 Publicity by Rotherham metropolitan Borough Council.

SEA/HRA Scoping Report and Addendum

- 3.4 Please confirm that no comments have been received from interested parties concerning either the SEA/HRA Scoping Report(s) or the Addendum, other than responses from the three Consultation bodies during preparation of the Scoping Report(s), and from Natural England at Regulation 16 stage.

4.0 Location Maps

- 4.1 As it is difficult to identify the location of some of the proposed local heritage assets listed in Policy BED 1 I would appreciate a plan (or set of plans) delineating the precise boundaries of individual structures or sites which are intended to be protected by the policy..
- 4.2 Similarly in order to assist my consideration of Policy HLC1 please provide a plan (or set of plans) showing the location of all proposed 'important health, leisure and community facilities' listed in the policy.

It would be helpful if you could respond to these requests and questions by Wednesday 5 February 2020.

Please ensure this note is published on Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's website.

If necessary I will provide a list of any further clarification requests and questions about the Plan content as the examination progresses.