

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF HISTON AND IMPINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Councillor Jenkins and Ms Talkington

HISTON AND IMPINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

I would like to start by thanking the District Council and Parish Council for their painstaking work in compiling the Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) and their responses to the question raised in my letter of 14 August 2019. The information provided will be of considerable assistance to me in conducting this examination.

I have identified a number of matters on which clarification from the Parish Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council would assist me in my examination of the Histon and Impington Neighbourhood Plan. May I request the submission of responses to my questions below within **two weeks** of the date of this letter, although an earlier response would be most welcome.

Further questions may arise as I work through individual policies in detail but, at this stage, I have four questions. These are: -

1. It is clear from the SOCG that the District Council and Parish Council now agree that the criteria used in identifying and selecting the non designated heritage assets referred to in **Policy HIM02** have been derived from the advice in section 7 of *Local Heritage Listing: Historic England Advice Note 7*. I am grateful for this clarification. However, while the Consultation Statement indicates that face to face meetings were held with the owners of buildings affected by **Policy HIM02**, I am unclear as to whether the owners of all the identified buildings were consulted and whether they were made aware of the implications of the proposed designation? I would be grateful if the Parish Council could provide an answer to these questions.
2. I would be grateful if the District Council would confirm whether or not they are content that the structures identified in **Policy HIM02** (as proposed to be modified in the SOCG) as non designated assets are indeed worthy of this?
3. In its response to my questions about **Policy HIM04** and Impington Mill, the Parish Council states that "*Priority is already given to the ability of the Mill to operate by existing national and local rules and regulation....*". Similarly, it is stated that "*...existing national and local rules and regulations specifically address the protection of windmills so they can continue to operate with wind power*". I would be grateful if the Parish Council would confirm which rules and regulations are being referred to?
4. I note that in the SOCG **Map 12 HIM08** (which relates to the Jam Factory) has been modified to show the position of a '*Community Orchard*' and '*Green areas to be retained*'. I would be grateful if the Parish Council would confirm whether this proposed

modification been made in response to a consultation response on the Plan and, if so, which one? I ask this because I have not been able to locate any reasoning which deals directly with this proposed modification and would be grateful if I could be advised, in full, what that reasoning is including why it is necessary in order to meet the Basic Conditions. The Parish Council will of course be aware that a potential developer of this site has made representations objecting to this proposed modification and it may wish to respond to this.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of this letter, and any responses to my questions are placed on the Parish Council and local planning authority's website.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

Bob Yuille

Examiner