

23 December 2020

**For the attention of the Independent Examiner**

I refer to the email of 15<sup>th</sup> December, received from Charlton Gibben, advising that the initial assessment of the Modified Neighbourhood Plan has been completed.

The Forum welcomes the opportunity to respond to the examination questions and proposed revisions to the wording of policies.

Further to consultation with the Neighbourhood Forum members and our Community Council, I can provide the following responses to the Examiner's questions.

1. The Forum agrees with the Examiner's proposal to improve the clarity of the plan and will retitle the Sites Location Plan as Policies Map. The Council on behalf of the Forum produced the map itself. We have agreed with Charlton Gibben that the Council will amend the key to the map so that it cross references to the relevant policies. The Council will also make the other adjustments requested by the Independent Examiner.
2. The Forum accepts the proposal to make minor modifications to Policies MW1 and MW7
3. The Forum welcomes the Examiner's view that the proposed LGS designation is appropriate.

We support the minor modification to the first paragraph of MW1.

The modification to reflect NPPF paragraph 101 by the inclusion of an additional paragraph adds weight to the Parks and Green Spaces policy and reflects the NPPF requirements associated with Proposals affecting the Green Belt. We also welcome the Examiner's recognition of the historic landscape design, in the new paragraph

We are happy to accept the revision to the final paragraph which, in our opinion, provides greater clarity with regard to the need to protect green space, veteran and notable trees....

4. Whilst the LPA has been requested to respond to the points relating to Policy MW2, the Forum can confirm that the statement in paragraph 68 was provided by the LPA as part of their response to our pre-submission consultation. Reference to this is included in our Consultation Statement, on page 14, in which we welcomed the updated information from the Council.
5. We accept the revisions to Policy MW 7

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Marton West Neighbourhood Forum

Examiner's Questions