

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE STAINTON & THORNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Mr Liddle and Mr Gibben

STAINTON & THORNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Following my site visit I have some further questions for the Parish Council and Middlesbrough Council and am asking for written responses to be provided within **two weeks** of receipt of this letter.

1. The Consultation Statement prepared following the Regulation 14 consultation, the Basic Conditions Statement and the Screening Assessment for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) are not dated. Can the dates of these documents be provided?
2. Can I be pointed to the evidence that a specific consultation has taken place with the statutory environmental bodies (Historic England, the Environment Agency & Natural England) regarding the Screening Assessment for SEA, as required (Planning Policy Guidance Paragraph: 051 Reference ID: 41-051-20150209) and have responses been received from these bodies?
3. The Screening Assessment for SEA refers to the separate HRA screening opinion being submitted to Natural England. Has a response to this submission been received?
4. Paragraph 2.2 of the Neighbourhood Plan refers to a total of 1,708 dwellings across the two allocated sites of Rose Cottage Farm and Hemlington Grange. The Middlesbrough Council Housing Local Plan 2014 shows these two allocations as policies H23 and H27 with indicative provision of 1,230 and 326 dwellings respectively – a total of 1,556. These appear to be key components in the delivery of the Spatial Strategy to 2029. Can an explanation be provided for the difference of 152 dwellings?

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of this letter and any subsequent responses are placed on both the Parish Council and the Middlesbrough Council websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Examiner