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Sent: Sat, 27 Jan 2018 17:10

Subject: EPC Neighbourhood Plan: Pre-submission consultation

Dear Joanne

Earswick Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Pre-submission Consultation

I write in response to your request for pre-submission comments to express concerns about three issues surrounding the latest version of the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

The three issues are:

1. The adoption of a totally new Green Belt policy ENP4 (covering matters about which residents were not consulted during local NP surveys) without explanation, justification or context.
2. The inclusion in policy ENP5 of an inaccurate list of Local Green Spaces (when considered against national criteria in paragraph 149).
3. A rush towards submission of the NP (ahead of the approval of York's Local Plan) without any plausible explanation.

Detailed comments follow about each of the issues:

Green Belt policy:

Given the unfortunate manner in which the NP was unveiled and has been progressed, the inclusion of a new Green Belt policy ENP4 has led to resident speculation about your intentions.

The new policy ENP4 may be connected with the statement in your recent Newsletter that you are plagiarising Poppleton Parishes' NP to improve the chances of Earswick's plan passing Inspector scrutiny? However, suspicions are harboured the policy has more to do with facilitating fracking, park and ride and industrial developments. A list of carte blanche exemptions exacerbate those suspicions - especially as no attempt has been made in the text of the plan to justify their inclusion.

May I suggest a set of clear and unambiguous explanations are needed in the text of the plan in the interests of gaining resident endorsement for the policy. Without such transparency there is potential for challenge and rejection of the NP at future stages in the approval process.

Local Green Spaces:

Paragraph 146 refers to green spaces within the built up extent of the village which are included in Policy ENP5. An examination of the listed spaces against national planning policy criteria set out in paragraph 149 reveals that only five of the seven appear to qualify.

Two areas do not appear to fulfil the criteria: (1) the privately maintained fenced-off area that lies at the centre of the Earswick Chase development [misleadingly referred to as 'Fosslands Village Green'], and (2) the land to the front of 6 Northlands. The two sites can neither be said to be "valued for open access for sport, recreation and amenity", nor "an area where community events are held" and should be removed from the list.

Policy ENP5 goes on to include reference to very special circumstances for approving subsequent development on declared local open spaces "in accordance with City Council and national planning policies". Those very special circumstances should be detailed in the text in the interests of transparency to avoid the parish becoming a future hostage to fortune.

Timing of the submission:

Paragraph 142 confirms that a review of the NP will be necessary in the interests of consistency once York City Council's Local Plan (LP) has been approved. That being the case, logic suggests submission of the NP should be delayed to facilitate dovetailing with LP approvals.

Paragraph 98 attempts to justify the decision not to delay production of the NP [until the LP is approved]. However, the statement that there are "a number of reasons" for the decision is not borne out by the sole premiss that is cited. It has been pointed out previously that claims the NP can stave off speculative planning bids are disingenuous: The authority of the City Council's LP is required to deal with matters of site identification.

The obvious advantages of delaying submission of the NP (aside from the check on consistency) are that account can be taken of: (1) newly revealed proposed additional development sites to meet revised Government housing targets; (2) soon-to-be-announced plans to use 50% of Diamond Wood for the upgrading of the A1237 Strensall Roundabout; and (3) the impact of emerging MoD plans to re-phase the release for development of the Strensall Barracks/Strensall Lines sites.

May I suggest it would be in the best interests of residents for the submission of the NP to be delayed until the LP is approved.

Conclusion:

I hope time will be taken now to conclude satisfactory amendments to the NP in the interests of gaining resident support, thereby avoiding challenge and delay during later approval stages. There is no rush to submit the NP and everything to be gained by dovetailing it with approval of York's LP. I look forward to your response to my comments in the knowledge you have given an undertaking to include in your report an indication as to how resident representations have informed the plan.

Yours sincerely

From: Resident 2
To: earswickclerk <earswickclerk@aol.com>
Sent: Sun, 28 Jan 2018 10:25
Subject: Earswick Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

Joanne,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Clerk of Earswick Parish Council.

I wish to register my dissatisfaction with a change that appears to have been made to the EPC Neighbourhood Plan. The change I refer to is at paragraph EPN4 and seems to offer open planning consent for fracking, P&R, engineering and 'right to build community hubs'. As this is a fundamental change to the original NP I believe this should have been given formal consultation.

Can you please:

1. formally register my objection
2. Provide me with an explanation as to why and how this fundamental change has come about
3. Advise if you will now be taking formal consultation on this significant amendment

An early response would be welcomed.



Earswick Parish Draft Neighbourhood Plan Public

Consultation December 2017–February 2018.

Representation Form

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ONE FORM FOR EVERY COMMENT MADE

Office Use Only
Consultee No.
Representation No.

Name	Resident 3
Organisation	
Address	
Email	
Tel. No.	

To which part of the Earswick Draft Neighbourhood Plan does your representation refer?

Page Number	31
Paragraph Number	
Policy Number	ENP4

Are you supporting, objecting, or making a comment? (Please Tick)

Support	
Object	Yes
Making a Comment	

Please use the box below and for any comments.

Policy ENP4 - Green Belt - appears to be a recent addition to Version 2 of the plan and does not include any explanatory note as to why this has been added or specific detail explaining what this relates to and the possible impact for Earswick residents. This newly added policy contains items that are extremely controversial and have seen in other parts of North Yorkshire strong local objections, in particular mineral extraction commonly known as "Fracking" the policy appears to accept without objection such activities in the green belt around Earswick without any consultation with residents. Furthermore this part also makes reference to other engineering operations and local transport infrastructure which could see major and unsuitable developments forced on us because they have been supported in the Neighbourhood Plan.

This also goes against the basic premise of the NP that there will be no further development of the green belt around Earswick.

**Thank you for your time and interest.
Please return this form, no later than the 5th February 2018
to:**

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