Matter 5: Other Housing Allocations (Policy C1(A) and Appendix 1) and Reserve Sites (Policy C1(B) and Appendix 1)

Representation by Burton & Dalby Parish Council

Reference: 155/139

C1(A)

5.1.i - GREA1

1. The parish council does not recognise the population figure shown for Great Dalby. The Super Output Areas used to establish the population of the village are too widely drawn and inaccurate to form the basis of a calculation on which the allocation of 72 dwellings was based. The allocation is therefore not justified. The site identified for GREA1 has previously been dismissed at appeal for housing. It was considered that development would result in damage to the conservation area and to the fundamental character of the village.

5.1.iii - GREA1

2. The site appraisal for GREA1 is not accurate and contains factual errors. The appraisal does indicate an understanding that development of the site would lead to harm to the conservation area. There is a statutory duty for local authorities to protect or enhance the character and appearance of a conservation area under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, but having recognised the potential damage the authority did not dismiss GREA1 as unsuitable. The parish council has established that there is strong opposition to the allocation among residents and concludes that Policy GREA1 is not effective as it is undeliverable.