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Submitted to **Clawson, Hose and Harby Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation**

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Yes, I agree to publish my response

Representation 1

1 Would you like to submit a representation?

Yes

Representation Form 1

1 Please indicate which part of the submitted Neighbourhood Plan or supporting documents this representation relates.

Which document does this representation relate to - (for example Submission Plan, Policy Map, etc). :

Submission Plan

Page Number (if applicable). :

22-33

Paragraph/Policy (if applicable) :

Policy H2

2 Do you believe that this policy/section of the Neighbourhood Plan:

Do you believe that this Neighbourhood Plan. - Meets European obligations.:

Do you believe that this Neighbourhood Plan. - Has regard to national planning policies.:

Do you believe that this Neighbourhood Plan. - Is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan/Is compatible with adjoining Neighbourhood Plans:

No

Do you believe that this Neighbourhood Plan. - Contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.:

No

Do you :

Object to this policy/part of the plan

Comments:

Representations were previously made by Mr R D Chandler at the Regulation 14 Consultation stage of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

At that time, the assessment of sites within Long Clawson undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee recommended that the Canal Farm site should be allocated for housing.

Accordingly, the Canal Farm site was included as an allocated site for housing under Policy H2 rather than being identified as a Reserve Site as had been done in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.

Representations made by Mr Chandler to the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan identified a series of significant flaws which resulted in the under-scoring of the Canal Farm site when compared with other sites that had been assessed within Long Clawson by MBC.

Accordingly, it was reassuring to note that very similar conclusions had been reached by Haston Reynolds Ltd and the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee at that time.

MBC has since updated its site assessments in support of the pre-submission Local Plan and associated focussed changes. Some of the flaws identified in the assessment of the Canal Farm site have been addressed however a number of anomalies persist in relation to matters such as; Brownfield Land, Loss of Employment or Other Beneficial Use, Access Including Public Footpath Access, Heritage Assets, Flooding/Drainage, Visual Impact, Agricultural Land Classification and Noise or Other Pollutants.

Representations have been made to MBC maintaining that the performance of the Canal Farm site has still been significantly under-scored and that its overall score and ranking should be increased. As a consequence the Council's evidence base is flawed and the Local Plan is unsound. A copy of those most recent representations to MBC are attached for ease of reference.

It is unclear as to the objective methodology now used by the NP Housing Theme Group in arriving at its ranking for the various Long Clawson sites. It is however noted that 'MBC Scoring' for five of the seven Long Clawson sites is included within the 'Long Clawson Site Selection' table. Given that fundamental flaws in the MBC Site Assessment for the Canal Farm site persist, any assessment by the NP Housing Theme Group that relies on the MBC evidence is consequently unreliable.

Accordingly, the most sustainable option for housing in Long Clawson has not been identified and incorporated within the NP.

Please suggest any amendments to the plan/policy here. :

The Canal Farm site NP LONG5 should be reinstated at an allocated housing site within Policy H2.

3 Please upload a file for supporting evidence below.

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Representation 2

1 Would you like to submit another representation?

No

Upload a file

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Examination

1 If you believe this Neighbourhood Plan should be examined through hearings, please indicate why you believe this to be necessary below.

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Despite previous representations made, it is evident that the evidence base (in particular the site assessments for the Long Clawson sites) continues to be flawed.

It is therefore considered that examination by way of hearings is necessary.

2 Do you wish to be notified of the Council's decision to make or refuse to make the neighbourhood development plan? (Please tick one box only)

Yes