



# **Consultation Report Addendum**

in respect of

## **Tatenhill Neighbourhood Development Plan**

On behalf of

## **Tatenhill Parish Council**

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to outline the consultation that has been undertaken in support of the Tatenhill Neighbourhood Plan, following its submission to the independent examiner in spring 2014. The examiner's report was released in September 2014 which recommended numerous minor amendments, most of which have been taken on board. The examiner's report also identified major changes to three policies; they include the following, Parish Housing Strategy (HE1), Local Green Spaces (LC2) and Highway Safety (IN2).
- 1.2. The changes recommended by the examiner for these three policies were considered unacceptable by the community as the need for such policies was raised in the initial stages of the plans consultation. The Parish Council and community group reviewed the examiners recommendations in light of the earlier community feedback and took the decision to modify the policies through liaison with the Borough Council.
- 1.3. Firstly, in terms of the Parish Housing Strategy (HE1) the examiner recommended the wording of the policy should be changed from 'up to 25 dwellings over the plan period' to a 'minimum of 25 dwellings over the plan period' to ensure it has regard to national policy. However, following the consultation outlined in chapter 2 the policy has now been amended to state 'approximately 25 dwellings'.
- 1.4. Furthermore the examiner recommended that the previous Protected Green Space and Green Gap Policy (LC2) did not meet the basic conditions as it was not in accordance with national or local policy. The examiner stated that the introduction of Local Green Spaces would be in accordance with national policy and therefore rather than deleting this policy it has been amended to designate Local Green Spaces. In addition, the policy now includes an appendix which justifies their designation with regard to the Conservation Area Appraisal which was adopted in 2013.
- 1.5. Finally, in respect to Highway Safety the policy has been changed taking on board the spirit of the examiner's report and it now provides best practice for Highway Safety.

## **2. Post-examination Consultation**

- 2.1. The post-examination changes to the policies, Parish Housing Strategy (HE1), Local Green Space (LC2) and Highways Safety (IN2) are major amendments. Since Tatenhill's Neighbourhood Plans most recent consultation period which ran from 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 to the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014. The Parish Council have undertaken numerous consultation to ensure the amendments of the Neighbourhood Plan remain representative of the wider community.
- 2.2. Firstly, the Parish Council consulted and liaised directly with East Staffordshire Borough Council who provided recommendations for the three main policies concerned, to ensure they meet the basic conditions. For example the Borough Council recommended that the Local Green Spaces Policy (LC2) included an appendix which fully outlined the justification of each designation, which has now being included within the Neighbourhood Plan to support the policy. This was all completed with the feedback from the community in mind as all policies originally received good support at regulation 14 consultation.
- 2.3. To ensure the decisions taken by the Parish Council and its community group following the consultation with East Staffordshire Borough Council are representative of the wider community the public were also consulted upon. Initially the community had an opportunity to attend a public meeting where all the modifications were reviewed and all community members had the opportunity to voice their opinion in respect to the main modifications. This was reported in the Parish Council's Newsletter which was also used to regularly inform the community with updates on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. Finally, once all the amendments to the policies were completed and had been consulted upon with the community, the Parish Council agreed on them in public meetings in June 2015.

## **3. Conclusions**

- 3.1. As stated above the major policy changes to the Neighbourhood Plan have been re-consulted upon to ensure the plan remains representative of the community and its initial feedback on the role and purpose of the plan. As agreed in paragraphs 2.13 in East Staffordshire Borough Council Decision Statement the amended Neighbourhood Plan will undergo a second submission consultation for six weeks, which will commence on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015. The

consultation will be for the entire Neighbourhood Plan, however there will be a specific focus on the three policies which have been amended post-examination. The regulation 16 consultation will provide an opportunity for all members of the public and statutory consultees to comment on the plan.

- 3.2. It has been decided that this scale of consultation is appropriate given the changes being made to the Neighbourhood Plan. The unchanged policies have already undergone extensive consultation pre-examination, therefore by consulting on the major changes of the plan and undertaking a second regulation 16 consultation specifically targeted at revised policies H1, LC2 this will provide adequate opportunities for all consultees to make comments.