

MLP Matters and Questions:

Matter 1.5 Does the Plan set out a clear strategic policy framework for the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans? How will any inconsistencies between emerging NPs and the Plan be resolved?

MLP Policy SS2 states: *“The Council will support the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans and development proposals promoted through Neighbourhood Plans, provided that they are consistent with the strategic objectives and proposals included within this Local Plan.”*

The Frisby Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to the Examiner, John Slater, on 22nd August and is currently being examined by Public Hearing. The Parish Council, NP Advisory Committee and residents have made repeated requests that MBC acknowledge the site choices made within the Neighbourhood Plan, both in meetings and in Public Consultations, but the Local Authority has refused to engage in discussion as to why residents feel that the MLP sites are poorly chosen and has not asked about the relative merits of FRIS1A. The Planners have provided their own information regarding FRIS2 and FRIS3, but have not heeded local knowledge or information researched during preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Likewise, the Head of Regulatory Services insists that it is for the Neighbourhood Plan Group to “promote [their] site selections over those in the Local Plan” in his comment to the Frisby NP Regulation 16 consultation, and also later, to the eighty (approx.) Frisby residents who made individual representations to this effect on the Consultation on the MLP Focussed Changes.

In allocating sites that provide for almost double the residual requirement for Frisby and ignoring key aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan, MBC and the MLP seem to be in conflict with the above statement in MLP Policy SS2; paragraphs 183-185 of the NPPF and with the NPPG paragraph 043.