



Frisby on the Wreake Neighbourhood Development Plan – Public Hearings

Response to additional information on behalf of
Mr and Mrs Cook

INTRODUCTION

This document has been prepared in response to the additional information provided to the Inspector at the Frisby on the Wreake Neighbourhood Plan Hearing Session on 12th December 2017.

Responses are provided in respect of:

- Nick Farrow – Introduction
- Cllr Hutchinson – Introduction
- Local Connection Cascade, Frisby and Kirby
- L Twigg Critique of Assessment

NICK FARROW – INTRODUCTION

Mr Farrow's summary states that the Neighbourhood Plan exercise has been undertaken in a transparent way and based upon robust evidence.

As detailed in our representations to the various iterations of the Neighbourhood Plan, our Hearing Statements (the Inspector has a copy of each and as such the detail of which will not be repeated), and as discussed at the Hearing on 12th December 2017, we do not consider this to be the case in respect of the site selection process throughout the preparation of the Plan.

CLLR HUTCHINSON

The use of a "*proportionate basis of population*" to distribute housing numbers, it a useful tool as a starting point to distribution. However, it should not mean that future development, in a sustainable settlement such as Frisby on the Wreake should be limited to this figure, or indeed measured as a percentage increase of the proportional figure, or percentage increase to the settlement size, as Cllr Hutchinson's response suggests. The Council in its emerging Local Plan acknowledges this through the proposed allocation of three sites in the village, which could deliver up to 94 dwellings.

There were numerous mentions to the aging population of Frisby at the Hearing and during the site visit. This is not surprising having regard to the extremely limited development which has occurred since the 1970's. An aging population can have a negative impact on the future vitality of a settlement. New housing can help to rebalance communities by attracting younger and working families.

Frisby is a Sustainable settlement which the Borough Council deems suitable to deliver more dwellings than proposed by the Neighbourhood Plan. The delivery of new homes in the settlement should not be limited to the figure proposed by the Neighbourhood Plan, and should allow for sustainable sites to be brought forward which are well connected to the village and can offer community benefits, over an above the supply of housing, for example extensive Public Open Space.

The Land to the South of Frisby is fully deliverable. There is already good market interest in the site. The site has secured a resolution to grant planning, and there is an agreed S106 in place. The site would be put to the market upon receipt of the planning consent when it is issued.

DR TWIGG CRITIQUE OF ASSESSMENT

As discussed and evidenced at the Hearing the sustainability assessment of the sites, which has been relied on in allocating sites for residential development in the Neighbourhood Plan, is full of factual errors and erroneous conclusions and should not be relied on. Dr Twigg's Statement seeks to outline some of the many issues associated with the ongoing site assessments and should be read alongside my clients earlier

representations and the discussion which took place in respect of Question 4 at the hearing on 12th December.

LOCAL CONNECTION CASCADE – FRISBY AND KIRKBY

As discussed at the Hearing, it is considered that the allocation of affordable housing should be undertaken in accordance with the Borough Council's existing processes.