Independent Examination of the Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan

Second Set of Questions to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and Dinnington St John's Town Council

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 In order to ensure I have accurate and up to date information I would appreciate clarification on the following matters which are referred to in the Policies section of the Plan. These additional questions supplement my first set of questions issued on 27 January 2020.

Policy H2 (Houses in Multiple Occupation)

2. What are the amenity space, refuse storage and car and bicycle parking standards referred to in Policy H2? Can you provide links to relevant documents if these are available electronically.

Policy HLC2 (New and Enhanced Health, Leisure and Community Facilities)

3. I presume the reference to 'opportunities for active travel' in criterion b) means opportunities for walking and cycling. Please confirm that this is the case.

Policy STC2 (Enhancing the Character, Attractiveness, Safety and Accessibility of Dinnington Town centre) and Policy STC3 (Shop Front Design in Dinnington Town Centre)

- 4. Please clarify the status of the Dinnington Town Design Support Document which is referred to in both policies and the supporting text. Has this document, or any part of it, been formally considered and adopted by Rotherham MBC?
- 5. Could you also clarify the date and title of the document. The copy sent to me as part of the Submission Documents bundle is entitled 'Dinnington Design Support' and dated 19 January 2018.

Local List of Non designated Heritage Assets

6. Has Rotherham MBC prepared a 'Local List' of non-designated heritage assets as referred to in the third paragraph on page 52 of the Plan. If not does the Council intend to do so and what is the programme for preparing a 'Local List'. If the Council has prepared or is currently preparing a 'Local List' please provide details of any 'assets' identified within the Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Area.

Policies Maps

7. In response to my previous request (dated 27 January 2020) I am in receipt of a series of OS maps and satellite based photographs identifying the location of various health, leisure and community facilities that are intended to be protected through Policy HLC1, and the location of character buildings and structures intended to be protected through Policy BED1.

- 8. However the precise location and boundaries of a number of sites is still indeterminate owing to the absence of delineated boundaries and/or the legibility of boundary lines and handwritten numbering. The same monochrome maps have also been used to identify both Policy HLC1 and BED 1 sites, with duplicate numbering in some instances. In addition Site 13 (The Old Plant Workshop Bottom of Church lane) appears to be an area of woodland on the satellite photograph and does not correspond with the location indicated by an arrow on the supplementary location plan provided.
- 9. While I have through a process of deduction been able to identify the location of the various health, leisure and community facilities listed in Policy HLC1 sufficient for the purposes of the examination, that is not the case with all Policy BED1 sites.
- 10. I am also mindful of the fact that while the operation of Policy HLC1 is not dependent on the identification of precise site boundaries, future planning decisions on proposals affecting Policy BED1 designated 'local heritage sites' may need to be informed by considerations such as whether a proposal impacts directly on a specific 'local heritage site or is immediately adjacent to a site.
- 11. Therefore in order to assist my consideration of Policy BED1 please delineate the precise site boundaries of proposed local heritage assets on a separate plan or set of plans at a scale large enough to indicate whether the proposed designation is intended to apply to both the building/structure and its curtilage or just the building/structure.

It would be helpful if you could respond to these further clarification requests and questions by Friday 14 February 2020.

In order to ensure openness and transparency this note together with Rotherham MBC/Dinnington TC's responses to the questions and points of clarification raised, should be published on Rotherham MBC's website.