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Independent Examination of the Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan: A Response to Examiner's Questions dated 6 February 2020

Introduction

The Examiner on 6 February 2020 requested clarification on a number of matters (in supplement to the first set of questions received dated 27 January 2020). Reviewing the questions received it was considered that some questions were directed at Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and others at Dinnington St John's Town Council. Consequently the responses to the questions have been prepared separately and then have been compiled together to be presented in this document and a separate document which contains the associated Local Heritage Assets Maps.

The response from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council is given in Part 1 and that from Dinnington St John's Town Council is given in Part 2 of this document and within a separate document entitled "Local Heritage Assets Maps". Both parties would be pleased to provide any clarification required.

Part 1 - Response to Examiner's questions dated 6 February 2020 response from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

A response is provided below from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (hereafter the Council) in respect of questions received dated 6 February 2020 on Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council wishes to provide clarification in respect of Para no 2. Policy H2 (Houses in Multiple Occupation) The Council has identified several documents to the Town Council which contain standards but it is unclear if these are the ones to which the Policy refers.

Para no. 4. The status of the Dinnington Town Design Support Document

The document entitled "Dinnington Design Support" (produced by AECOM and dated 19 January 2018) has not been formally considered and it has not been adopted by the Council. The Local Planning Authority had no input into the documents development other than commenting on this document at the pre-submission consultation (Regulation 14) and submission consultation (Regulation 16) stages. It is unclear who if anyone from the Council has been involved in the documents development.

Para no. 6. Local List of Non designated Heritage Assets

Since the completion of the Sites and Policies Document in 2018, work has started on the production of a Heritage at Risk Strategy and Register. This is the priority advised by Historic England, as these registers can help focus resources to save heritage assets at risk of loss. This work is scheduled to be completed by June 2020, the Council can then move on to other heritage work including producing a local list of non-designated heritage assets.

However a specific timetable for production of a local list has yet to be established. As such no locally listed assets have been identified at present.

The Council would be pleased to provide any further information and clarification as required.

Part 2 Response to Examiner's questions dated 6 February 2020, response from Dinnington St John's Town Council

Thank you for your further questions dated the 6th February and concerning the above. I have been asked to coordinate the Town Council's input to the questions raised. This is in addition to, and in support of, the response from the Borough Council. Tacking in turn each one the Town Council was asked to lead on.

Para no 2. Policy H2 (Houses in Multiple Occupation)

We are advised by Rotherham MBC that in addition to the Local Plan standards they are provided in the following documents:

Transport Assessments Travel Plans & Parking Good Practice Guidance-
<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/download/67/planning-guidance>

South Yorkshire Residential Design Guide
<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/file/541/south-yorkshire-residential-design-guide>

Para no. 3. Policy HLC2 (New and Enhanced Health, Leisure and Community Facilities)

I am pleased to confirm that this is the case.

Para no. 4. Please clarify the status of the Dinnington Town Design Support Document.

We understand that Rotherham MBC is providing a detailed response to this question. We would like to add that the Town Council and Steering Group has taken a partnership and inclusive approach to the development of the document. This includes the support and engagement of Rotherham MBC at all stages in its development. They were a key partner and actively supported its inception and development as evidenced in the minutes of the Steering Group, for example,

Para no 5. Could you also clarify the date and title of the document.

We can confirm that there has been a drafting error. The document should be titled Dinnington Town Centre Design Support document (2018) not Dinnington Town Centre Design Support document (2017). We apologise for this.

Para no. 7. Policies Maps

We have identified the boundaries of proposed local heritage assets on a set of large scale plans kindly provided by Rotherham MBC (*please see the separate document "Local Heritage Assets Maps"*).

In all cases it is the building/structure that the Plan seeks to specifically conserve except for No.12 Remains of the Old Blacksmiths and No.13 The Old Plant Workshop (Bottom of Church Lane). Please note that (i) No12 covers the marked curtilage of the site and (ii) the boundary of No.13 is shown as a circle as there may be a possibility of industrial remains/archaeology (both over ground and underground) in and around the former building. We can also confirm that the location map for No. 13 indicated by an arrow is the correct plan and was intended to replace the previous location map for this site.

I hope these points are useful and if we can be of further assistance please get in touch.

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