



PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE

Thursday, 27 June 2024

2.15 pm

**John Meikle Room, The Deane House, Belvedere
Road, Taunton TA1 1HE**

SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA

To: The members of the Planning and Transport Policy Sub-Committee

We are now able to enclose the following information which was unavailable when the agenda was published:

Agenda Item 4 Public Question Time (Pages 3 - 4)

The Chair to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three-minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue.

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Annexe A – Public Questions	
Name of person submitting	Question
<p style="margin: 0;">George Hitchins</p> <p style="margin: 0; text-align: center;">Page 3</p>	<p>Question 1a – Good afternoon.</p> <p>My name is George Hitchins and I am a Parish Councillor in NSP. Ian Hasell, PC Chair, was intending to speak today but is attending a funeral. I am speaking on behalf of him and the PC. The PC hopes you will have seen its letter of 23rd June to the Head of Planning and yourselves together with the detailed report on the SA of sites in NSP which was submitted by the PC to the Reg 18 Consultation.</p> <p>The PC supports the Council’s proposals for allocating the ‘505’ in accordance with the adopted spatial strategy. However the SA for the assessed sites in the village raises specific material concerns which are detailed in the PC’s report. It is extremely disappointing that the Council have not responded to these clearly articulated and evidenced concerns which are based not just on intimate knowledge of our own village but also the views of the Council’s own expert consultees, and those of Inspectors at Planning Appeals in 2001 and 2015.</p> <p>The SA clearly favours the previously allocated site and in order to do this makes factual errors in its appraisal of it. Not only does it effectively “upgrade” the site to make it appear the most sustainable in the village, but it makes factually incorrect statements about another site which “downgrades” it and makes it appear less sustainable.</p> <p>The PC’s letter to you includes evidence from the Councils own experts that there will be significant negative environmental effects in developing NSP13 and 16(which together make up the formerly allocated site).</p> <p>In the light of this evidence we suggest that sites NSP 13 and 16 be reclassified as “strong negative” for SA2, 3, and 8 and that these 2 sites be classed as “difficult to mitigate”. This would apply the same designation as (apart from the brownfield site allocated for housing in the draft NP) is applied to the other 6 sites considered in the SA. Our understanding is that you have the ability to delegate any changes to the Head of Planning and Cllr Wyke.</p>

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	<p>The PC would be more than happy to welcome you to NSP should you wish to see the sites. Thank you</p>
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