

Matter 7 – Heritage and the Natural Environment Issue Whether the Local Plan has been positively prepared and whether it is justified, effective and consistent with national policy in relation to heritage and the Natural Environment.

Relevant Policies - EV1-EV10 Questions Heritage and the Natural Environment

7.1 Does Policy EV2 enable the sustainable growth and expansion of businesses in rural areas in accordance with section 6 of the Framework?

As far as we are aware this appears to be the case.

7.2 Has Policy EV4 been shaped by engagement with all stakeholders, including infrastructure providers and statutory consultees in relation to the provision of Green Infrastructure/Biodiversity Net Gain?

The Forum, is a statutory consultee, and was not engaged in relation to Policy EV4

7.3 Has Policy EV5 been shaped by engagement with all stakeholders, including infrastructure providers and statutory consultees in relation to the loss of sporting facilities and its protection from flooding?

The Forum, is a statutory consultee, and was not engaged in relation to Policy EV5

7.4 Has Policy EV9 been shaped by engagement with all stakeholders, including infrastructure providers and statutory consultees to ensure its consistency with National Policy?

The Forum, is a statutory consultee, and was not engaged in relation to Policy EV9

7.5 Has Policy EV10 been shaped by engagement with all stakeholders, including infrastructure providers and statutory consultees in relation to Named Settlements?

The Forum, is a statutory consultee, and was not engaged in relation to Policy EV10.

The Forum was not consulted on the change from 'settlements' to Main Urban Area for Stanton Hill and Skegby.

7.7 Do Policies EV1 to EV10 provide clear direction as to how a decision maker should react to a development proposal?

The Forum is concerned that the Appendices do not include 'Listed buildings and their settings' or 'non-designated (local) heritage assets'. It is also concerned that unlike other areas across the district such as Kirkby in Ashfield, some listed building and non-designated (local) heritage assets (NDHA) are not referred to in the options appraisal. This is particularly important where heritage assets have been cited as the reason a particular location is not appropriate for development.

The Council has been without a Conservation Officer for several years. Although NDHA have been referred to the Council through the correct process for heritage recognition this has not happened.