

Comments

Main Modifications to the Local Plan (18/02/19 to 01/04/19)

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Policy HOU 04

Paragraph 1 Now vague and uncertain. Contrary to NPPF requirement for clear policies.

Paragraph 3 Very puzzling to understand why this has been struck out, when subsequent paragraphs (3.22 to 3.24) go into some detail explaining the importance of demonstrating community benefit, and indeed Paragraph 3.24 says: "Development proposals which fail to demonstrate a significant benefit to the local community will not be permitted."

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No idea how this is supposed to aid decision making when it comes to development in areas covered by HOU 05.

Villages without settlement boundaries are characterised in this paragraph as areas regarded as open countryside. This is absurd. I live in a village in HOU 05 of some 350 residents comprising a compact and recognisable village settlement.

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MM18

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HOU 05 Pre-amble The statement 'Development ... will be limited' is imprecise and open to varying interpretations.

Paragraph 2 The term 'appropriate' is vague and imprecise. NPPF says that Local Plans should be clear and give objective guidance. Paragraph 2 in this form does not. HOU 04 gives specific guidance on the overall increase in housing units during the life of the Plan. Why no similar guidance for HOU 05?

Paragraph 3 Some expression of community support and identification of community benefit should be part of this Policy. Why does HOU 04 include this benefit for slightly larger villages? Both HOU 04 and HOU 05 deal with rural villages, differing only in population size. In terms of planning policy consistency they should be dealt with in the same way.

[Un-numbered paragraph] A blanket support for self-build is too wide sweeping.

Overall it is very disappointing that planning policy for the rural villages in Breckland - small in population but significant in terms of the character of our area - has ended up with this hacked about and incoherent jumble of poorly considered policies. The final insult of course is that even this policy has been published incorrectly!

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