

## Comments

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

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**To which proposed Main Modification does your representation relate? Please state the relevant reference number that you are commenting on from the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications e.g. MM1**

Policy HOU 05 listed as being on Page 50, but of course, this is not the final version. It seems astinishing that it is impossible for you to update an electronic document!

**Do you consider the proposed modification is:  
(please mark the appropriate box)**

**If you consider the proposed Main Modification to be UNSOUND, please identify which test of soundness your representation relates to?**

**Please give us details as to why you think the Local Plan with proposed modifications is NOT legally compliant or sound?**

NPPF Para 16 (d) states that the Plan should "contain policies that are clearly written and unambiguous, so it is evident how a decision maker should react to development proposals."

The policy as had been through the long and detailed process to reach the Examination Version met this. Criterion No. 2 specified that development should only be "minor development" and "of up to 3 units", which was clear. Criterion No. 3 also required the "appropriate support" of the Parish Council, the form of elected government closes to the voters of the parish. My Council was persuaded to give up its settlement boundaries largely by the promise that this criterion would be included.

Now the un-elected Inspector has chosen to draw a red line through both these criteria, and as a result has left the Policy completely ambiguous, doubtless so it can be his Planning Inspectorate which decides the detail of the policy, rather than it being "evident how a decision maker should react". Planning Agents and solicitors will make a mint arguing over each and every application, when the Local Plan proposed by Breckland was clear and unambiguous, as required by the NPPF.

**Please set out what changes you consider necessary to make the proposed main modifications to the Local Plan legally compliant or sound.**

Re-instate the deleted sections in Criterion 2, and reinstate Criterion 3.

**Would you like to be notified of future stages of the Local Plan?**    No

**How would you like to be notified?**