

# **LINTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN Submission Draft Version**

**Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Questions  
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Following my initial assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan and representations, I would appreciate clarification and comment on the following matters from the Qualifying Body and/or the Local Planning Authority. In order to ensure openness and transparency of the examination process, these questions and the responses should be published on the Council's website.

In addition to the matters raised in my Procedural Note dated 15 September 2020, I would welcome confirmation or further information on the points set out below. I wish to ensure that the QB and/ or LPA has the opportunity to respond to my concerns, if they wish, in advance of receiving my examination report.

1. **Policy BGL1** is not worded appropriately as a policy. The five points are referred to as objectives; they address the same topics as the objectives on page 9 of the plan but are worded differently. I am minded to recommend that the policy is deleted although paragraphs 3.7 – 3.10 may be retained. Would the QB review the wording of the objectives and points 1 – 5 of Policy BGL1 and consider whether any of the text from Policy BGL1 should be included in the objectives.
2. **Policy BGL2** – the policy does not include any guidance on how development proposals are to be assessed under point 4. Many other NDPs include reference to a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment being undertaken to assess the impact of proposals. Would the QB comment on the following proposed revisions to the text of point 4:  
  
***“Where a development proposal lies within sight of one of the following public views, and/or could affect it, a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment or similar study should be carried out to demonstrate that levels of effects are acceptable, and that the scheme has been sited and designed sensitively and appropriately, reflecting, respecting, and where possible, enhancing the landscape context within which it is situated.”***
3. **Paragraph 4.19** final sentence is considered to be a policy statement. Would the QB suggest a revision to the sentence or do they wish to include it in point 5 of the policy?

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