

# Bartestree with Lugwardine Review Neighbourhood Plan Examination

## Parish Council response to Examiner's Question

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This document is the response of Bartestree with Lugwardine Parish Council (PC) to a question of clarification raised by the Independent Examiner following initial assessment of the submitted Review Neighbourhood Plan. The question is shown below in bold with the PC response following.

**1. Draft Policy BL8, Community Facilities, refers to Bartestree Village Hall and playing fields. The policy would allow the existing facility to be lost in the circumstance that an appropriate alternative facility is available, or where the facility is no longer required, viable or fit for purpose etc. (under Core Strategy Policy SC1). Draft Policy BL10, Local Green Spaces, Allotments and Rights of Way, identifies the "open space surrounding the Village Hall including the cricket and football pitches, children's play area and community field" as a Local Green Space. Is there is conflict between the two policies and if so, how should this be resolved?**

PC response: it is agreed that there may be potential conflict between the two policies referred to, in that policy BL8 would permit some loss of playing field in the circumstances set out in Core Strategy policy SC1 whilst policy BL10 is less permissive. To resolve this, the PC suggests that policy BL8 be amended by deleting the words "and playing fields" whilst retaining the reference to Bartestree Village Hall. With this change, policy BL8 would refer only to built development, thereby clarifying its scope and providing a better alignment with Core Strategy policy SC1. The playing fields would continue to be protected as Local Green Space under policy BL10 as presently worded.

Bartestree with Lugwardine Parish Council  
14 February 2023.