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From: Steve Beard [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 May 2019 09:57
To: Noreen Banks
Subject: FW: 20190514 NLP2 Submission Draft consultation

Morning Noreen,

Please see [below](#)

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From: Noreen Banks [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 May 2019 10:52
To: Steve Beard [REDACTED]
Cc: Paul Everard [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20190514 NLP2 Submission Draft consultation

Good morning

Thank you for sending through your comments. They are very much appreciated.

As you are aware, we are consulting on the Regulation 19 stage of the plan preparation process. The Planning Inspector will consider whether the document complies with legal requirements, is sound and whether it complies with Duty to Co-operate. Therefore, any comments submitted at this stage need to address the soundness of the plan and its legal compliance. If you consider the plan to be unsound or not legally compliant, you will need to explain how and why the document should be changed, providing the evidence necessary to justify your comments.

Accordingly, I would be very grateful if you could provide further clarification on the sections highlighted in orange below please. Thank you.

regards

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Northampton Borough Council has adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule. All planning applications for liable developments submitted and granted permission after 1st April 2016 will have to pay the levy. The charge only applies to residential development and to retail developments of more than 100 square metres outside the town centre. You can find out more about Northampton's CIL, including full details of which developments are liable and which are exempt by clicking here: <http://www.northampton.gov.uk/cil>

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From: Steve Beard [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 May 2019 11:48
To: Planning Policy [REDACTED]
Subject: 20190514 NLP2 Submission Draft consultation

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above.

We have attempted to submit on line and to download the form – however this does not allow Sport England to address the issues.

- We support Para 59 and 60 with regard to improving the Health and Wellbeing of residents. **Do you consider these paragraphs to be sound and legally compliant? Yes**
We support Strategic Objective 8 which seeks to deliver the above improvements. **Do you consider this paragraph to be sound and legally compliant? Yes**
- We previously raised our guidance with respect to active Design (comments on the 2016 consultation) which links to the Active Environments agenda. Whilst aspect of the guidance regarding connectivity and improving cycle /footpath routes we are disappointed that Active Design guidance which was developed by Sport England, in conjunction with Public Health England in October 2015). This is a guide to planning new developments that create the right environment to help people get more active, more often in the interests of health and wellbeing. The guidance sets out ten key principles for ensuring new developments incorporate opportunities for people to take part in sport and physical activity. The Active Design principles are aimed at contributing towards the Government's desire for the planning system to promote healthy communities through good urban design. Sport England would commend the use of the guidance in the master planning process for new residential developments.
Active design can be used to implement strategic objective 8 Active Design expands on elements which are briefly covered in Building for Life.

The document can be downloaded via the following link:

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/active-design/>

- Active design can also aid placemaking (Policy2), Design bullet point 3 (policy 3) and with Amenity and layout (policy 4) **Do you consider these paragraphs to be unsound and not legally compliant?**

We could not argue that the plan is unsound or not legally compliant if active design is not referenced but we believe that the plan will be the poorer for not including it, particularly as the is jointly supported by PHE and provides a link between planning and health NPPF para 91 and 92.

- Policy 12 sites – in our response in November 2017 we asked how playing fields sites were being considered against the, then, emerging Playing Pitch Strategy. The Playing Pitch Strategy is now complete. We specifically raised at the time;
 - LAA0205 – Former Parklands Middle School
 - LAA1024 - Great Houghton Independent School

The list now includes

- 0195 - Hunsbury School
- 1001 - Former Emmanuel School
- 1013 - Park Campus – Which is specifically listed in the PPS as a site under threat.

Have all of the sites been assessed against the PPS? Is mitigation included in the development of these site which deals with the loss and helps to meet the needs of increase demand form new communities? Are the recommendations/action plan from the PPS and other sports/open space studies included in the local plan?

Do you consider Policy 12 to be unsound and not legally compliant?

Unsound and not legally compliant because we do not know any details of assessments which have been undertaken to consider these site available and surplus. In addition there is no policy to protect formal outdoor sports facilities

- Object - Does policy 20 include built sports facilities? It is understood the sports facilities at Lings Forum may be replaced - this policy is not therefore positively prepared and is therefore not sound.
- Object – Policy 24 seeks the provision of Open space the policy does not seek the provision of formal sports facilities to meet the demands from new development the plan is not therefore not positively prepared not sound - NPPF para 92
- Object - there is no policy to protect formal outdoors sports facilities whilst an evidence base has been developed as required under Para 96 of NPPF (Feb 2019) the site are not protect Para 97 of NPPF (Feb 2019) not consistent with national policy Not sound

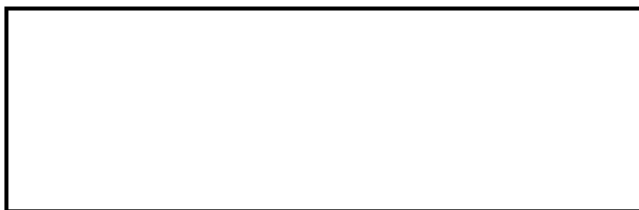
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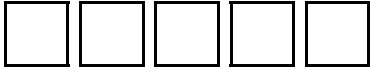
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