

Abbots Bromley Parish Council

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Dear Andrew,

Thank you kindly for your letter dated 9th January 2023.

We are pleased to note that you have sufficient documentation for your examination and that you have not found any significant or obvious flaws.

We have provided responses to your questions below and can confirm that this letter will be placed on to website along with all the current Neighbourhood plan documents.

Responses from Abbots Bromley Parish Council-

3. Policy DAH1 - "high environmental performance" might include measures such as Passivhaus standards of thermal insulation and airtight fabric with a mechanical ventilation system incorporating heat recovery; rainwater harvesting for toilet flushing and ensuring that all runoff from paved areas is directed to soakaways.
4. Policy DAH3 – "the main street" is defined as the B5014 main route through the village incorporating Bagot Street from its junction with Uttoxeter Road and High Street to its junction with Lichfield Road.
5. Policy DAH3 – "buildings and structures that contribute to the special architectural or historic interest of the area"- as well as Listed Buildings and Buildings of Townscape Merit, all buildings in the designated Abbots Bromley Conservation Area are considered to contribute collectively to the special architectural or historic interest of the area.
6. Policy DEC1 – First Homes requirements – Policy DEC1 – 1b) to read "Any affordable housing provision should focus on these types of housing with a minimum of 25% of affordable housing units built as First Homes." The independent HNA identified the need for affordable housing in order to redress the balance of the parish's demography, thus promoting a sustainable future for the village.
7. Policy DEC1 – "identified local need" is need as identified in AECOM's Housing Needs Assessment for Abbots Bromley (2021) unless superseded by any subsequent independent housing needs assessment.
8. Policy DEC1 – "housing mix and types of sizes of accommodation" shall apply to all developments of more than one unit.
9. Policy DEC1 – "historically important garden spaces" can be identified from "Character Appraisal Abbots Bromley Conservation Area" ESBC March 2009 paragraph 6.2.2 which describes "numerous long linear land plots (and drives) which lead off from primarily the building plots on the north side of the main street". These plots are thought to represent medieval burgage plots – further details in "Medieval Bromley" ed. Denis Stuart.

10. Policy DEC1 – “Housing internal layouts should be flexible to meet the changing needs including home working” was so worded to cover the potential need to adapt housing to suit the needs of the elderly and the disabled as well as accommodating home working, without the need for costly structural alterations.
11. Policy DEC3 – “community use facilities” comprise the open green spaces in the village such as The Anglesey, The Lowers and The Nuttery.
12. Policy DEC3 – “other buildings of townscape merit” – In the context of the Neighbourhood Plan, only the buildings in Appendix 1 are to be considered, as these were identified as part of the most recent Conservation Area assessment by ESBC in 2015.
13. Policy NGE2 – The Parish Council accepts the representations of the Lead Local Flood Authority and agrees that the Plan should be re-worded accordingly.

We look forward to receiving your draft report, if you require any more information, please feel to contact me on the details at the top of this letter.

Kind regards

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