

Tur Langton NP – First-draft environment policies 26-8-16

Designated sites

POLICY XX: PROTECTION OF LOCAL GREEN SPACES - Development proposals that would result in the loss of, or have an adverse effect on, an identified Local Green Space (listed below and mapped in figures x1, x2, and detailed in Appendix Z) will not be supported, other than in very special circumstances in accordance with District and national planning policies.

[LIST]

POLICY XX: PROTECTION OF OTHER SITES OF ENVIRONMENTAL (NATURAL AND HISTORICAL) SIGNIFICANCE – The following sites (environmental inventory, appendix XX, and map figure 1) have been identified as being of local significance for wildlife and/or history. They are important in their own right and are locally valued. Development proposals that affect them will be expected to protect or enhance the identified features

[LIST]

COMMUNITY ACTION XX: OTHER IMPORTANT OPEN SPACE - The Parish Council will actively work with Harborough District Council and others to secure the protection of the locations and features of the following sites (listed below and mapped in figures x1, x2, and detailed in Appendix Z) through existing or new designation as Harborough District Council OSSR sites.

[LIST]

Trees and hedges

POLICY XX IMPORTANT TREES AND HEDGES - Development proposals that will affect trees, woodland and hedges of environmental (biodiversity, historical, arboricultural) significance, or of landscape or amenity value, will be resisted. Proposals should be designed to retain such trees and hedges where possible. Where destruction cannot be avoided developers will be required to plant replacement trees (on a two-for-one basis) or hedges either on the site or elsewhere in the parish.

The Parish Council will continue to identify trees and woodland of value, as above, for recommendation to the Planning Authority for Tree Preservation Orders.

nn species-rich, ancient hedges identified as of high historical and ecological importance (figure 7 below and Appendix 7) are proposed for notification as non-designated heritage assets.

Biodiversity compliance

POLICY XX: BIODIVERSITY

a) Development proposals will be expected to protect local habitats and species especially those covered by relevant English and European legislation.

Ridge and furrow

POLICY XX: RIDGE AND FURROW FIELDS - Development proposals that adversely affect or damage an identified surviving area of ridge and furrow earthworks (map below) will be strongly resisted. TM they are proposed for notification as non-designated heritage assets

[MAP]

Views

POLICY XX PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT VIEWS

Development that impacts in any way on the following locally important and valued views (map below) will be strongly resisted:

Rights of Way

POLICY ENV 6: FOOTPATHS AND CYCLEWAYS

Development proposals that result in the loss of, or have a significant adverse effect on, the existing network of footpaths will not be supported.

BASE ON BULL'S HEAD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

POLICY ENV 7: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Development proposals that are compliant with the aims of a low carbon economy, and contribute to mitigating and adapting to climate change including sustainable design, energy generation, drainage and construction techniques and practices will be viewed positively, where (either in isolation or in combination with existing developments) the development:

- a) Does not have an adverse impact (such as noise, visual impact, reflections, shadow flicker, water pollution, smell, air quality, gaseous or particulate emissions) on the health, wellbeing or amenities of local residents and visitors;
- b) Does not have an adverse impact on the area in relation to views or the character of the surrounding landscape; and
- c) Is of an appropriate scale for the size, character and level of other facilities, the built environment and services in [parish].

POLICY ENV 8: RIVERS AND FLOODING - No development will be permitted within Environment Agency Flood Risk Zone 3 (Map A, next page) or the areas identified as at 'high risk' from flooding by surface water (Map B) without applying the sequential and exception test identified in paragraph 100 of the NPPF and without appropriate mitigation measures being implemented.

Every development proposal in the Plan Area will be required to demonstrate that:

- a) Its location takes geology, hydrology and flood risk into account;
- b) Its design includes, as appropriate, sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), surface water management measures and permeable surfaces; and
- c) It does not increase the risk of flooding downstream.