

CORE STRATEGY

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RELATING TO: SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

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RN520 House Builders Federation	<p>Sustainability Appraisal</p> <p>Does not assess Circular 5/2005 'Planning Obligations'. Does not take into account that there may be aspects of the requirements which conflict with other sustainability priorities eg. Financial implications of these requirements</p> <p>Imposing affordable housing requirements as they stand will have a significant impact on development viability. This may prevent development occurring and so be counterproductive to the achievement of this key sustainability objective. Financial implications are not assessed nor are the implications for ensuring everyone has the opportunity of a decent home.</p>	
RN662 English Heritage	<p>CORE STRATEGY DPD SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking to ensure the significant effects on the historic environment have been clearly identified and action or mitigation recommended in line with the ODPM Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2003) • Cannot agree with statement in Table 1.3, p9 that there are no significant negative effects on the historic environment. Concerned at negative effects on Garendon Park, both direct and indirect, and on the setting of Hamilton medieval deserted village scheduled monument. • Table 1.2, Policy 2: potential impacts are on park, a number of listed buildings, a scheduled monument and other undesignated archaeology. Development of housing will affect the setting of these assets. Concerns as to whether a Country park will deliver desired conservation benefits, although we acknowledge the social benefits. The A512/ A6 link road is not referred to but is a clear environmental impact. PPG 15 para 2.24 states that "planning authorities should also safeguard registered parks or gardens when themselves planning new developments or road schemes". • Table 1.2, Policy 3, p5 Reference on p5 that " archaeological interests north of Birstall and at Hamilton will require investigation and measures put in place to reduce harmful effects' is not included in proposed mitigation measures at p51, para 5.5 nor p71, para 6.3. • P6 Policy 15: Do not agree with recommendation to amend policy to effect that retaining the historic park and garden at Garendon through creation of a country park. This suggests the alternative is loss of the park. • Para 4.3 Para 2.24 of PPG15 states that: "the effect of proposed development on a registered park or garden or its setting is a material consideration in the determination of a planning application." • Table 4.1 Indicators for monitoring the impact of the plan on the historic environment should include loss or damage to scheduled monuments or their setting'. Add a further generic indicator: 'Loss of or damage to an historic parks or gardens or their setting' <p>LOUGHBOROUGH SCIENCE PARK DPD SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whilst historic environment is not considered consistently in report the main conclusions are welcomed. • P3 Option 2 & 5.4.1, p39: important to recognize Garendon Park includes a number of nationally important designated historic assets reinforcing decision not to use this site. • Endorse P6 Table 3 and recommendation (pp50 & 51) to amend Policy 1 to recognize need for mitigation measures to conserve and enhance historic and cultural features • Difficulties in collecting data: Landscape p20: Historic Characterisation of Leicestershire will make it easier to assess sensitivity of landscape to change from historic perspective 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table 6, p24 Generic indicator should refer to 'loss <i>or</i> damage to scheduled monuments <i>or</i> their setting'. Add a further generic indicator: 'Loss of <i>or</i> damage to an historic park or garden or its setting' • Table 7, p32 West Loughborough and Table 8, p44: former Charnwood canal and an area of ridge and furrow are two areas of archaeological interest. Contact County Archaeologist to discuss how they could be integrated into scheme. • P 41, penultimate para: needs to refer to all types of cumulative impacts, including on historic assets. 	
<p>RN1293 Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust</p> <p>Agent: J & J Design</p>	<p>Sustainability Appraisal</p> <p>Methodology fails to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relate directly to the 4 key aims for sustainable development set out in the UK Strategy for Sustainable Development and carried forward into PPS1 and PPS12; • Identify any reference to 'Diversity and Equality in Planning' (ODPM, 2005) or 'Working Together: Co-operation between Government and Faith Communities' (Home Office, 2004); • Consult effectively with faith organizations; • Consider how the Core Strategy will take into account the needs of all the community, including particular requirements relating to age or religion as set out in para 42 of PPS1; • Identify the needs of an ageing population as a key sustainability indicator or objective; • Identify the needs of faith communities as a key sustainability issue. <p>The Council should address the uncertain score of the compatibility between SO10 and the objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'to increase the population's access to a full range of appropriate public, private, community and voluntary services'. • 'to reduce poverty and social exclusion'. <p>Unclear where the following issues, referred to in para 4.2.46, are addressed in the Core Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ageing population – reduced mobility and access to facilities; • Access to community facilities particularly in new communities is limited; • Loss of existing facilities; • Sustainable communities – need to encourage balanced communities with appropriate provision made for students, elderly and ethnic minorities. <p>Make reference to 'places of worship' as a sub-objective but do not carry forward as a core indicator.</p> <p>References to 'community' appear to imply 'communities of place' so the document fails to acknowledge the equally important 'communities of interest'.</p>	