

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION: STAGE 2 HEARINGS

MATTER 14:

PROPOSED SITE ALLOCATIONS – MAIN SETTLEMENTS

ON BEHALF OF: WITCHFORD PARISH COUNCIL (1059584)

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1. Introduction

1.1.1 This hearing statement has been prepared on behalf of Witchford Parish Council (WPC) to address the matters and issues raised in the Stage 2 Hearings Programme. Separate Hearing Statements are being submitted for Matters 7, 14 and 15.

1.2 Matter 14, Issue 1: Whether the proposed site allocations for the Main Settlements of the City of Ely, Littleport and Soham are justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

1.2.1 The issue has a single question (60), which is divided into sub-questions. WPC is concerned with allocation ELY.E2(a-c) Lancaster Way Business Park, and the following specific sub-questions:

1.2.2 **g) how does the site relate to nearby uses?**

1.2.3 **h) what are the potential adverse impacts of developing the site, including heritage assets? How could they be mitigated?**

1.2.4 **n) is the boundary of the site appropriate? Is there any justification for amending the boundary?**

1.2.5 **o) are the detailed policy requirements clear and unambiguous, effective, justified and consistent with national policy? Is it appropriate to defer within the policy to the "principles established by consented scheme...?"**

1.2.6 WPC's representation on this matter was submitted in our letter dated 19th December 2017 along with response form (H) to the Regulation 19 consultation.

1.2.7 Since the submission of our original representation, the revised NPPF has been issued. This reinforces at paragraph 171 that Local Plans should "take a strategic approach to maintaining and enhancing networks of... green infrastructure".

1.2.8 In answer to the questions noted above, WPC's representations made on 19th December continue to apply, and are consistent with this national policy.