



# SOUTHWELL CIVIC SOCIETY

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Dear Sirs

Development Management Development Plan Document  
(DPD) – Final Modifications.

We refer to the above document and wish to make the following comments:-

1. FPM132 - Policy So/Ph/1. We object to the deletion of this policy.

The reason given for deletion is that by amending the site specific policies to provide clarity on infrastructure requirements the policy is no longer required. The removal of this policy does not provide clarity. The definition of infrastructure is limited to drainage requirements and does not address issues of highways, education, medical and other infrastructure facilities.

Southwell is arguably the most attractive place in the District for developers to invest in and this was evident from the submissions at the Hearing. The schools, especially The Minster School, are already at full capacity. The need for pupils to travel elsewhere will not only be detrimental to their education but will contravene all policies referring to a sustainable community.

The policy should be reinstated and cover all sites within Southwell.

2. FPM 130 – So/Mu/1. The amendment changes the requirement from a Master Plan to a Design Brief. However this does not change the inconsistency between this site and other housing sites in Southwell with regard to archaeological issues.

There is an omission in clause So/Mu/1 (i) 5 in that there should be a pre-determination evaluation of archaeological measures so as to be consistent with other sites where there are known high archaeological interests, eg So/Ho/5.

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The interim archaeological report submitted at the hearing was not available for comment. The report provides evidence that this is a highly significant site indicating that for a full understanding further evaluation is required. The report does not satisfy the requirements of a pre-determination evaluation

2. FPM 102 – Policy So/Ho/3 We do not think the change in wording satisfies the “Reason” “To provide clarity on the sites access arrangements”. This does not resolve the conflict between the access off Nottingham Road and the requirement for “the retention and enhancement of the site’s existing landscape screening.”

4. FM109 – So/Ho/4 Clause ii The words “significant level of landscape buffering” should be reinstated to clarify the importance of the requirement for landscape buffering on this site.

We trust you will give our comments due consideration.

Yours sincerely

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