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Subject: Comments on Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies - Further Options

I make the following comments on behalf of Orston Parish Council:

The following question should have been asked in the consultation:

Question 15b What process should be followed when there is a planning application in “other villages” where the default policy is in-fill only and the application fails to meet that policy?

Our answer to the question:

Orston Parish Council is most concerned at what has happened in Aslockton regarding the recent large housing development refused by RBC on the basis of the default policy for “Other Villages” and subsequently passed on appeal by an Inspector who has no local knowledge. The result is that the development is sited at a location that has been determined by the developer rather than the community. This siting will prejudice the siting of future developments (if any) and is likely to encourage landowners to make applications on adjacent sites.

It is unreasonable to expect every “other village” to agree a Neighbourhood Plan. No least because it would encourage developers to make land grabs in those villages than had not yet agreed a plan.

We believe that there should be a process enshrined in the local plan that addresses this situation. It is vital that such a process should include effective local consultation and that all alternative available sites have been considered and rejected prior to the application. Local communities should be given the opportunity to propose alternative sites.

We would like to discuss informally what options might be available within the legislative framework. It is likely that other villages would like to be involved.

Regards

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