



GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Mr. John King
Rushcliffe Borough Council
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8th March, 2019

Dear Mr. King,

Please find attached, a copy of the letter to Mr. B. Yuille re Gotham Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.A. Raven". The signature is fluid and cursive.

J.A. Raven
Clerk to Gotham Parish Council.



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Mr. B. Yuille,
Intelligent Plans and Examinations (IPE) Ltd
Regency Offices
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y/ref: 01/RV/GNP

8th March 2019

Dear Mr. Yuille,

GOTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Thank you for your letter of 28th February and we are pleased that you have found our submission complete. We look forward to assisting you progress our plan through to the referendum stage.

We understand and agree with your points about which policy documents the plan should be judged against. We also are well aware that we are unable to alter green belt boundaries and designate green belt sites for housing and we have not done so. Our policy H1 explicitly recommends sites to the planning authority for them to consider for allocation.

Our plan is in accordance with the Local Plan Core Strategy which sets out that development in villages like Gotham will be for local needs only and which proposes removing the current green wash from Gotham and the drawing of an envelope without actually drawing that envelope and allocating any sites. Gotham Parish Council believe that years of development by only infill and extensions has unbalanced the housing stock from the needs of the villagers: they therefore support the principle of an envelope. We fully support the Core Strategy Policy that housing should be for local needs only.

We are also aware that while we do not have to conform to the Rushcliffe Borough Council emerging Local Plan Part 2 we should take it into account. We are guided here by your recent examination of the plan in Calverton. Our Consultation Statement outlines how we attempted over a year ago to seek agreement with RBC on a joint way forward and were rebuffed. Contrary to the Core Strategy policy of development in villages being for local need, RBC have made a relatively large allocation for market housing in Gotham. Our extensive and wide consultation shows that this is not the preferred option for housing in the village.

At the point at which we submitted our NP to RBC last June, 8 months ago, LPP2 was still at the consultation stage. It proceeded to inspection in December and we understand from RBC that the outcome will not be widely known until after the council elections in May. We do know that main modifications are due to LPP2 and that a further consultation by RBC will be necessary. Representations that were made to the Inspector ranged from a demand for further land allocations

to a reduction in housing demand in line with recent government projections and even a review of the Core Strategy itself.

When the Inspector's report comes out we will amend the GNP accordingly. We believe that the most likely outcome, confirmation of GOT 5a, would not require us to consult on the consequent changes to the NP as the implications have been consulted on within the village by Rushcliffe Borough Council already; but we would be guided by you in that event.

I hope this letter helps explain the policies in the GNP and hope you do not mind us taking the opportunity to make a submission to you on recent developments as we have been held up for 8 months. We would be happy to answer any further queries you may have,

Yours sincerely



J.A Raven, Clerk to GPC