

Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of the representations submitted to the independent Examiner

The Draft Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan was published and consulted on by Swindon Borough Council on 6th November 2019 to Wednesday 18th December 2019.

23 representations were received in response to that consultation, and provided to the independent Examiner. These representations came from (or on behalf of):

SBC CIL and S106	Gary Llewellyn (for Slattery, Gallagher and Hall)
SBC Highways	Turley (for Castlewood Commercial Properties)
SBC Planning Policy	Emery Planning (for Hollins Strategic Land)
SBC Urban Design	Gladman
SBC Conservation	Pegasus (for L&Q Estates)
Highways England	Wood (for Bellway Homes)
Thames Water	Turley (for Painter, land at Woodbine Cottage)
Environment Agency	Turley (for Swindon Gospel Trust)
Historic England	5 x residents
Natural England	

The main issues raised were in relation to:

- Conformity with the emerging Swindon Borough Local Plan
- Exclusion of various sites for allocation (Turnpike Road, Sams Lane, Land to the east of Broad Blunsdon, Land South of Broad Bush)
- Low levels of allocated sites
- Flawed site assessment report
- Need for flexibility to develop outside of the settlement boundary
- Conflict with basic conditions

- Terminology
- Settlement boundary as out of date
- Rural buffers are not justified
- Lack of Parish Council engagement protocol
- Evidence base on amount of open space and sport facilities needed, and of quality of existing community facilities
- Suggested policy on funding for infrastructure projects
- Lack of an SEA
- Compliance with a village design statement
- Justification of important views
- Datedness of housing needs
- Policies do not adequately meet housing needs of older persons
- Suggested wording amendments
- 5 responses of support from residents

Full copies of the representations can be found at:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/downloads/download/1441/blunston_east_neighbourhood_plan_consultation_responses