

CONSULTATION STATEMENT APPENDIX 5

THORP ARCH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PRE SUBMISSION CONSULTATION (REGULATION 14) FEEDBACK ASSESSMENT

STAKEHOLDERS COMMENTS WITH TANPSG RESPONSES (24/11/16)

Respondent	Comments	Response of the Steering Group	Proposed Action
Homes and Communities Agency	<p>Firstly, we would highlight that the land in question was recommended to be allocated for housing within the emerging Site Allocations Plan by the Leeds City Council Development Plans Panel on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The Panel report and other supporting information can be found at:</p> <p><a href="http://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=450&amp;MId=7506&amp;Ver=4">http://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=450&amp;MId=7506&amp;Ver=4</a>.</p> <p>An extract of the Council's proposed allocation boundary is attached.</p> <p>As you will be aware, Neighbourhood Plans must be in general conformity with the Core Strategy and the Site Allocations Plan (also referred to as the Local Plan) and can identify sites to accommodate more development, but not less than set out in the Local Plan. In its current form, the emerging Neighbourhood Plan is not in general conformity with the emerging Site Allocations Plan. Consequently, we would question whether it is appropriate for the land to be identified as Local Green Space.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>It is the intention to identify only part of this land as Local Green Space. The particular parts are the old football pitch</p>	<p>TANPSG recognise that if the proposals in the draft SAP are adopted by LCC then the NP will need to acknowledge the SAP.</p> <p>Local Green Space map has been modified to provide more detail.</p>

	<p>We have reviewed 'Appendix 4' Proposed Local Green Space' that was attached to your letter and the following evidence put forward as part of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan to demonstrate that the site is a local significance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 'Community use for recreation and sports since the 1950s'</li> <li>2. 'Contains footpath'</li> <li>3. 'Aspiration to establish one football pitch and the footpath on part of the space and create allotments'</li> </ol> <p>In response we would comment that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The land and the associated playing pitches were associated with and solely used by HMP Wealstun and not for public use. The use of the land by the prison ceased approximately six years ago after it was found to be surplus to requirements. The land no longer forms part of the prison estate having been recently transferred to the Homes and Communities Agency. In summary, the land was in private use from the 1950s to c 2010 but was not in use by the general public / community.</li> <li>2. The land contains no Public Rights of Way. If any footpath exists on the site, such access is unauthorised because the land is private and signs indicating so are placed around the site (such signs were in place during the ownership of the Ministry of Justice and during the current ownership by the Homes and Communities Agency).</li> <li>3. Should the Site Allocations Plan be adopted in its current form and the site is allocated for housing, any subsequent application for housing will need to provide greenspace within the site and/or provide/improve greenspace off site. Such enhancements can be secured via the Community Infrastructure Levy and through discussions with the Neighbourhood Plan group, local Councillors, businesses and residents to understand the needs, desires and expectations of the local population.</li> </ol>	<p>area and the footpath leading to it. The creation of allotments does not have to be specific to this area but the area, if not allocated for housing is seen to be an ideal location for them.</p> <p>Comment 1: We understand from residents that the football pitch was used for public and prison purposes but have no written or photographic proof. It is however designated as a protected playing field by</p>	<p>1. No action needed.</p>
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	<p>In summary, we thank you again for making contact and informing us of your intentions. However, for the reasons outlined above, we are unable to support the allocation of the land as Local Green Space in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. Nevertheless, we do support the Neighbourhood Plan process and are keen to remain involved in the process. We are also keen to understand what new or improved greenspace could be provided as part of any future development of the site and would welcome any comments you might have on this matter.</p>	<p>LCC.</p> <p>Comment 2: The footpath was used, we understand for prison staff to reach the football pitch and the prison. We acknowledge it is not a public right of way on the definitive map.</p> <p>Comment 3. Noted. We appreciate the positive comments and undertake to keep HCA involved in the NP process.</p>	<p>2. No action needed.</p> <p>3. No action needed at present.</p>