

Cottingham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting 3rd June 2024

Present: Cllr Kevin Casson (Chairman), Cllr Alex Duke, Cllr Ros Jump, Doug Jennings, Katrin McClure, Geraldine Mathieson (note taker).

Apologies: Cllr D Graves, Cllr D Longbottom

The meeting had been called specifically to respond to the consultation on post-inspection notes for the Local Plan

1. The group elected KC to chair the meeting. Geraldine agreed to draft the group's responses, for the Clerk to submit on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. The group discussed Notes 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 & 15, and the implications for Cottingham. The content of earlier responses from the PC to Local Plan proposals were noted for consistency, whilst remembering that circumstances have changed since those earlier consultations. Impact on other settlements was not considered to be within the group's remit. Responses to each Note, for recommendation to the full PC for submission to ERYC, were as follows:

Note 4: The role of the Major Haltemprice Settlements and housing-led regeneration in the City of Hull.

Cottingham Parish Council notes the long historic pressure for housing in the Haltemprice settlements from aspirational Hull residents, and the impact of the city's tight boundaries on a wide variety of metrics. Cottingham Parish Council welcome proposals that support housing renewal within the city boundaries as a more attractive and sustainable option than greenfield development within the parish. Each of the Haltemprice settlements has a different character, geography and infrastructure, resulting in variations in capacity for increased housing, for example, the two rail crossings bisecting Cottingham's road network present a unique challenge locally. These crossings take all through traffic, which impacts on the residential amenity in these relatively narrow residential streets, in addition to the more obvious restrictions on movement and impact on air quality. We support policies that avoid the coalescence of settlements.

Note 5: Gypsy and Travellers.

Cottingham Parish Council does not have the means to question any changes to the definition of gypsies and travellers, so having accepted the earlier change we are equally content to accept the newer definition which is based on evidence following the Court of Appeal decision (Smith v SSLUHC & Ors) and the consequent impact on allocation for COT-L.

Note 7: Additional of revised site assessments.

Cottingham Parish Council considered the note in relation to sites with the Cottingham allocations only. We support the stance taken in relationship to The Lawns (COT-42 & COT-55) to protect the open parkland setting of this area. Over the longer term, Cottingham Parish Council would wish to see this green space protected as public amenity land. Re-allocation of COT-L is discussed in other notes.

Note 10: Updated Housing Supply

Cottingham Parish Council notes the updated supply figures and welcomes a commonsense approach to balancing over-supply early in the Plan period with any later under-supply. We support policies for housing figures in Haltemprice settlements to be considered alongside those for Hull as part of the wider city-region, whilst recognising the differences in infrastructure for supporting new development within each settlement.

Note 14: Proposed amendments to Policy C3

Cottingham Parish Council support the need to create more public open space.

Note 15: Proposed re-allocation of site COT-L

Cottingham Parish Council accept the need for re-allocation of COT-L as previously proposed. However, we have reservations about allocation of dwellings outside of settlement boundaries when this would otherwise be contrary to policy.

We also have concerns over flooding on this particular site. The land is known locally to be clay-lined with multiple springs, and could be subject to considerable run-off from the valley sides when the ground is supersaturated. Such localised flooding would not be mitigated by the COPFAS scheme.