

Questions for Welborne Standing Conference (11/6/2015) from Funtley Village Society

Council's written response

1. Why do FBC now intend this amalgamation as Welborne public consultation was based on it being a stand-alone, self-contained development and this fact was also reiterated by FBC officials during Inspector Hoggers EiP in 2014?

The Council's commitment to undertake a Local Plan Review is set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme (Revised September 2014). This commitment to a review was subsequently provided within both the Development Sites and Policies Plan and the Welborne Plan, through Main Modifications, as requested by the examination Inspector.

The Local Plan Review will be comprehensive in nature, updating and reviewing all components of the Borough's Local Plan: Part 1 Core Strategy; Part 2 Development Sites and Policies; and Part 3 The Welborne Plan, to form one Local Plan document.

The commitment to undertake a Local Plan Review does not change the development principles of Welborne as a distinct new community.

2. If LP3 is to 'disappear' as a stand-alone development, then surely Funtleys miserly 50M settlement buffer must also 'go' and the strategic gap policy to prevent 'coalescence between settlements' must be equally applied to Funtley, the same as Newlands etc.

As confirmed in our response to question 1, the commitment to undertake a Local Plan Review does not change the development principles of Welborne as a distinct new community. The policy on maintaining settlement separation (WEL5) was found sound by the Inspector, following the inclusion of Main Modification 3 to the policy (Ref: paragraph 30 of the Inspector's Report on the Welborne Plan).

The purpose of the Local Plan Review will be to review and where evidence justifies, either revise existing policies, or develop new policies. Where evidence has not changed, then existing policies are likely to be included in their current form. Each existing policy will be reviewed on its own merits.

3. How will the amalgamation on LP2 and LP3 effect dispersion of housing numbers, i.e. will Welborne have to grow (back to the 10,000 number) especially as some LP2 sites are already known and documented not to be easily deliverable, i.e. Reference, SHLAA Jan2014 Vol-3 id-0058

Until the land (outside the boundary of extant permission P/10/0390/FP) can be secured in order to open up the site to development, it cannot be considered a deliverable site within the first five years of the plan. The site is, however, considered to be desirable location for housing development and could form a longer term development option.

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The total number of dwellings to be delivered at Welborne, 6000, as identified in the Welborne Plan, is not envisaged to increase as part of the Local Plan Review. All sites included within Local Plan Part 2: Development Sites and Policies were proven through the examination into the DSP Plan as being deliverable within the period to 2026. This includes the site referenced above, *Housing Site H6: East of Raley Road, Locks Heath*, where it is acknowledged that this site is a longer term option, i.e. beyond years 0-5, but nonetheless still deliverable within the Plan period to 2026.