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Good evening Andrew

Further to your email below, additional information as requested:

"Point 1

Clearly the parts of the draft plan we have commented on, we do not consider are sound and therefore the Local Plan is not legally compliant.

Point 2

As our submission indicates we challenge the 'soundness' of some aspects of the Local Plan and so we agree you should say 'no' for all comments as you suggest.

Point 3

This is a good example of where yes/no makes little sense. It is yes in that you have worked with neighbouring authorities to a certain extent. However, this duty has resulted in far too much potential development pressure on Rutland, which would indicate that if anything RCC is in essence taking the duty of co-operation rather too far.

Point 4

That is surely clear from the text of our submission. First we would like more acknowledgement that this draft Local Plan has not evolved from any engagement by the Local Planning Authority with the community, residents and stakeholders of Rutland. We have concerns that the policy of 'Planned Limits of Development' is severely weakened by removing the designation from the smaller villages and settlements and suggest SS3 should be modified accordingly. We consider opening Rutland up to large, new settlements is premature and unnecessary in this plan. In particular, the Future Opportunity Area at Woolfox (SS4) should be removed from the submission version of the Local Plan. It was not included in the Reg. 18 Plan and therefore has not be subject to the test of full public consultation. The proposed scale of development is unjustified and goes way beyond meeting any acknowledged housing and employment need in Rutland. We also have considerable concerns around the soundness of the Plan, given that it is suggested it will need to embark on a review of the plan, before this one has even be considered at the Examination in Public. This is the very definition of a plan not being sound in that it is contrary to known, emerging new National Policy. Furthermore, if nothing else, the local planning system is supposed to create a degree of certainty for all participants, which this plan clearly cannot do.

Point 5

Yes, the Parish Council would wish to be involved in the Examination in Public.

Point 6

We don't think we are under any legal obligation to make this decision at present. We haven't even seen the submission document as yet (unless you are suggesting that this whole Reg.19 consultation process will result in no changes to the Plan), nor do we know the date. It is for the EIP Inspector, in conjunction with the Programme Officer (once appointed) to decide how they want the examination to proceed. However, to help you, we can say we are likely to wish to appear in person (as it is easier to change to written representations if necessary in due course, rather than the other way round)."

Kind regards

Michele Jones

Clerk to Cottesmore Parish Council

Telephone: [REDACTED]

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From: "Local Plan" <Localplan@Rutland.gov.uk>

Sent: Friday, 29 November, 2024 1:57pm

To: "clerk@cottesmoreparishcouncil.org.uk" <clerk@cottesmoreparishcouncil.org.uk>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Cottesmore Parish Council - Response to RCC Local Plan Reg 19

Good afternoon, Michele,

Thank you for your response to the Regulation 19 consultation for the Rutland Local Plan.

I appreciate that you are unable to enter your response into our consultation portal.

However, I have managed to do this for you.

I am just processing your comments at the moment, splitting them into individual responses where necessary, based on which chapter and policy these relate to.

For each representation, the following questions need answering:

Do you consider the plan to be legally compliant? Yes / no
Do you consider the plan to be sound? Yes / no
Does it comply with the duty to co-operate? yes / no
Please set out how you think the plan should be changed?
If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in the examination hearing session(s)? Yes/no
If you do wish to participate in the hearing sessions, please specify whether you wish to attend in person or via written representations.

I can put the same answer for each question to each individual comment. I note that there is mention of soundness in your comments, if you wish for me to say 'no' on this for all comments, I can do. Just let me know.

Other than this, did you want me to answer of the other questions in relation to your responses to the individual chapters and policies?

Your co-operation on this would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,
Andrew

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Good morning

Please find attached Cottesmore Parish Council's response to the RCC Local Plan Reg 19.

I have tried to enter our response onto the Portal but the length of the document does not allow for this.

I trust that RCC will upload the document where appropriate.

Kind regards

Michele Jones
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