

RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

MAIN MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION

PICKWORTH PARISH MEETING

The following comments are submitted by Pickworth Parish Meeting on the Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation. They are cross-referenced to the relevant MM but have not been put into the comments boxes on the consultation document to avoid unnecessary duplication of comments.

MM5, MM6, MM8

We agree the principle of energy plans. The exemption for small single dwelling developments is welcome.

MM9

We endorse the need to take into account the need to consider impacts on landscape character with wind and solar energy proposals. We strongly endorse the requirement to consider cumulative impacts and stress that these may cross local planning authority boundaries.

We agree that the mapping of wind turbine potential should not indicate automatic approval. We object to the removal of land quality consideration.

MM13, MM19, MM20, MM45

Housing allocations for the period are already satisfied and so we endorse the removal of St George's Barracks and Woolfox airfield from the plan. Both of these are massive developments that would far exceed the housing need and would require significant infrastructure development.

MM14

We endorse the comments on unacceptable impact on landscape character, setting of the settlement and local roads.

MM15

We endorse the comments for small scale developments.

MM22

We agree that a new plan would be needed in the event of redevelopment of redundant military bases and secure residential establishments. As stated, a standard planning application alone would not be sufficient.

MM25

It is agreed that any new housing built in Rutland as part of the many Stamford housing developments should be credited to Rutland and offset against requirements elsewhere.

MM32, MM33, MM34

We endorse the proposals for the St George's Officers' Mess site, Empingham and Ryhall.

MM35

We endorse the comments relating to a regulator road with appropriate mitigation measures.

MM40

We endorse the comments about affordable housing in the smaller villages and hamlets.

MM46, MM47

We are happy with the new E1.3 in relation to Woolfox Depot.

MM53

We assume reference to Great North Road refers to the old road running alongside the A1 and not to the A1 itself. We see no real need for a new roundabout but would have no objections if it is felt that it is needed for road safety reasons. Traffic leaving the A1 using this as a slip road certainly tends to travel at high speed. Design and location of such a roundabout should take into consideration additional traffic accessing the current Woolfox golf club chalet and hotel planning application.

MM62

We agree that the conditions relating to caravans, lodges, chalets etc should be consistent across the county.

MM73

Grade 3a agricultural land is classed with Grades 1 and 2 as Best and Most Versatile Land. What justification is there for allowing Solar PV on Grade 3a land?