

Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan

Reg 16 consultation responses

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the latest version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Having read the documentation it appears to us that the current consultation exercise is limited to whether the current draft complies with National and Local Planning Law, Policy and Procedures. Clearly a difficult task for lay people to undertake.

We have responded to all consultation requests and there is little point in repeating points made in earlier consultations, partly because the earlier points appear to be outside the scope of the current consultation but mainly because little attention appears to be taken of any of the points made by residents.

Our points to the Regulation 14 Consultation are included in the documentation on the consultation process as respondent 9. Over twelve pages of residents' comments are included and these resulted in two changes to the draft Neighbourhood Plan. One of the two changes was also requested by Milton Keynes City Council. No feedback on the individual points we raised was provided. It appears that this consultation exercise consists of requests for comments, consideration of the comments, little change and no feedback. This may be because the Parish Council have been advised by O'Neill Homer to carry out the process in this way and this is how the exercise is carried out throughout the country. It is certainly not our experience of consultation in other walks of life.

We were somewhat surprised to read that O'Neill Homer were acting on behalf of the landowners for site 11, the only site that has been included in the Neighbourhood Plan for development. This on the face of it could appear to be a "conflict of interest ". Somewhat cynically, we assume a comment like this is either outside the scope of the consultation or deemed not worthy of a response.

Despite our disappointment with the consultation process and the proposed development, we would like to thank the Parish Council and their team of volunteers for all the work they have undertaken on what is clearly a complex process. There are some excellent documents in the Neighbourhood Plan and clearly a lot of people have voluntarily given considerable amounts of time over a number of years to produce this Plan.