

SUBMISSION AMENDED SOUTHWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Representation Form

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Please enter your comment or comments on the Submission Amended Southwell Neighbourhood Plan, together with any suggested amendments below. For each comment made, please indicate to which part of the plan the comment relates (e.g. policy, chapter and/or paragraph number).

On behalf of Southwell Civic Society I should like to express our appreciation for the changes to the Neighbourhood Plan since the R14 consultation.

However, several of our concerns have not been addressed and we should like to comment as follows:

Policy HE1

Table HE1: This is still very confusing. We assume that the figures shown under current mix (2011) are correct but they were only included originally to show how the outstanding balance was calculated and are now irrelevant. The previous proposal showed in column 3 the target mix at 2031, and in column 4 the outstanding balance required to reach the 2031 target taking into account completions since 2011. As currently drafted any developer could be forgiven for assuming that the target mix (2031) was the target mix for their site. We suggest that the table heading should be as below:

Number of Bedrooms	Target Mix(2031)	Current mix (2025)	Outstanding Balance
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Para HE1.1 'Table HE1, column 3' would become 'Table HE1, column 4'

Appendix 1:

We are pleased to note that our suggestions for removing the first part of the AECOM document from the Design Codes has been followed. However, we still have reservations about the combining of dissimilar focus areas into a single area and the importance of heritage to all of them. We would also suggest for clarity, that the numbering system should start from 01 and not 04.

Addendum to Appendix 1:

We support this approach, but have the following comments:

1. The map showing the Focus areas should be included.
2. SFA3 should be subdivided into SFA3a (Westhorpe) and SFA3b (Westgate) which have distinctly different built forms.
3. SFA5 should be subdivided into SFA5a (Crew Lane Commercial Area), SFA5b (Minster School) and SFA5c (Brackenhurst) which also have different built forms and heritage assets.
4. Because of the large number and widespread distribution of Southwell's heritage assets, design code HA should apply to all Focus Areas, including SFA4 and SFA5(a, b and c).

12. Monitoring and Review:

12.4 We fully support the introduction of this formalised monitoring. Whilst the original Plan was largely successful in achieving its objectives there have been some significant failures. Examples include:

The failure to ensure that developers comply with Policies E1 and E2, particularly in the need for drainage and flood mitigation measures to be developed in conjunction with the Lead Local Flood Authority during the design stage and prior to application for planning approval.
eg Land to the rear of the Vineries at Kirklington Road.

Failure of Policy E4 “Public Rights of Way and Wildlife Corridors “ to achieve access routes which are useful as wildlife corridors and attractive to use by the public. One recent example of this is on the southern boundary of the Allenby Road Estate where a well used , attractive footpath , bounded by wildlife friendly vegetation has been degraded to an oppressive urban ginnel.

Failure to adequately protect trees on development sites or make provision that they do not become a nuisance or safety hazard at maturity.

We agree that part of the solution to these problems is the provision of better guidance to developers by referencing Plan policies to preferred national or local accredited standards.

12.5: There appears to be a typographic error - we do not understand the second sentence.

12.7: We are surprised that Flood Risk has been removed from the list of circumstances meriting a partial review of the plan, particularly as the need to mitigate climate change and flooding is so important and mitigation measures have not yet been fully developed .

Appendix 4 :

We have not had enough time to review this.

Yours faithfully,
Michael Struggles,
Planning Secretary,
Southwell Civic Society.

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