

January 11th 2022

Dear John,

Thank you for your invitation to respond further to Marrons Planning Ltd letter and Melton Borough Council's comments following the Section 288 judgement of November 29th 2021.

We understand the required caution in progressing this Examination prior to the outcome of the hearing, however the unequivocal decision delivered by the Judge and the supporting comments submitted by Melton Borough Council in their Response, affirms the interpretation upon which we submitted our Plan. The Response goes as far as stating:

"...we consider that the conclusion reached at DL20 is an unfortunate misinterpretation of Policy SS2. The last sentence of the paragraph states:-

In my view, this [a concession that the scheme would accord with PolicySS1] is the most significant factor as the proposal is only for nine dwellings, and this scale of development is clearly supported by Policies SS1 and SS2 in particular.

This conclusion was founded upon an understanding that SS2 did not include the word 'windfall'. As the s288 appeal has exposed, the inclusion of that word creates a mutual exclusion to allocated sites including this one in question"

We originally responded to the potential impact of the Section 288 Appeal, on May 4th 2021, 9 months ago. Our position remains unchanged.

We very much hope that this robust decision will enable you to progress and complete your Examination. To delay further would cause the local community to lose trust and confidence in the work undertaken to date. As previously raised, we believe further delays would likely undermine the success of the Plan at referendum.

Kind Regards,



Cherry Underwood

Chair, Stathern NP Steering Group