



Response to SNC Part 2a Proposals

Evenley Parish Council thanks South Northamptonshire District Council for asking for our views on its Part 2a planning proposals and EPC respects the considerable time, effort and consultation that has taken place to date. Following canvassing of our villagers views through direct email, letters, website and discussion at a village meeting we would like to make the following comments.

- Currently village confines restrict development outside of a village. SNC's proposed strategy appears to encourage development directly outside the village confines. EPC objects to this as it sees the confines as a long-established method of protecting village communities.
- With regard to the LOAN, EPC cannot yet support this process given that insufficient detail to determine the criteria on how a potential development would be assessed is known. Additionally, SNC proposes that LOANs will be considered on a 'first come first served basis', which may result in a less favoured site being considered ahead of other preferred locations. EPC objects to this.
- **Policy housing 11: Residential Garden Land Development** states that 'proposals involving infilling, back land or redevelopment of garden land will not generally be permitted'. EPC regards this policy as unacceptable as infill implemented sympathetically would in many instances, protect the heart of a village, allow for additional housing growth whilst preventing expansion of a village outline.
- **Policy employment 3: supporting Growth of the Visitor Economy** states that it 'allows for tourism and leisure development within the confines and open countryside including hotel facilities'. EPC may be supportive of the considerable expansion of local businesses which are reliant on tourism, but objects to this policy as proposed as it encourages unsuitable large scale hotel development within or near a village confine.

We have also encouraged our residents to contact SNC directly.

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