

## **Emberton Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 16 consultation responses**

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I have a range of concerns with the plan as it is now but will only cover what I perceive to be the two key issues.

#### **Development boundary**

The development boundary is illogical. If it is going to cover all buildings and gardens on the west side of the A509 why does it not include the existing development on the east side? Unless it is to deliberately exclude the only piece of brownfield land that was offered up for development.

Whether the fact that this land is close to the Parish Council's chairs home was part of the decision making process I cannot say, I assume a declaration of interest was given when this was discussed at the council and that the chair took no part in the decision making process.

This deliberate exclusion of the east side of the A509 also removes the only opportunity of a development that would have provided affordable homes. The plan shuts out any chance of providing affordable homes by concluding that only backland development is suitable for Emberton.

#### **Consultation**

The plan is initially based on the responses to the village survey which was carried out in March 2018. The world and even Emberton has moved on in the five years since. It is hard to justify any decisions based on data that is so out of date. The demographics of the village have changed and the way people work has changed making that survey a less than solid foundation for any planning.