

Dear Gillian and David

I today completed my visit to Hanslope and this gave rise to three further queries:

- I can see that the natural dip in the ground between Hanslope and Long Street produces variable inter-visibility issues. It would be wrong for the Plan to suggest that it's possible to define a precise boundary of where issues will arise and I feel that the "Local Gap" coloured area on the map exaggerates the area for potential issues. I propose to recommend that the block colour be replaced with cross hatching , which will result in an indicative, broken edge which need not extend significantly further east and west than the present edges of each settlement. I invite you to prepare a revised map along these lines for my further consideration.
- It is evident that the Review of Local Green Spaces has seen a shift from quite large spaces to much smaller ones. As a consequence the Policies Map alone at its published scale doesn't allow the boundaries to be clearly identified, and the photographs in the Appendix may mislead. Absolute clarity will be required for those using the Plan. In particular the LGS area E is described as the "Village Pond" on the Policies Map and as "Village Green and Horse pond" in Appendix 4. I invite you add larger scale, individual maps to the illustrations in Appendix 4 for my further consideration.
- LGS Area G seems to my eyes primarily to be a generously dimensioned footpath. I'm not convinced that "a visual break between houses and road" makes a space "Demonstrably special and holds particular significance". The amenity space seems of the type to be afforded protection under Policy HAN9? Planning Policy Guidance notes: "Areas that may be considered for designation as Local Green Space may be crossed by public rights of way. There is no need to designate linear corridors as Local Green Space simply to protect rights of way, which are already protected under other legislation." (Paragraph: 018 Reference ID: 37-018-20140306).

Qualifying Body responses are invited and the local authority may also have comments.

Kind regards

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