

# RESPONSE INITIAL COMMENTS TO EXAMINER FOR BRIGSTOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

ON BEHALF OF

A German and F Robinson

August 2018

- 1.1 On behalf of our clients A German and F Robinson we respond as follows to the Independent Examiners initial comments dated 6 August 2018.
- 1.2 We welcome the comment from the examiner that he is minded to recommend an amendment to the settlement boundary around the site at Grafton Road, Brigstock. We further concur with the examiner's comment that "it would seem totally inappropriate for this site to be subject to countryside policies".
- 1.3 With regards to the settlement boundary realignment. We suggest the revision in blue on the attached. This boundary amendment in our view represents a sensible rounding off of the village in this area and follows a clearly identifiable boundary on the ground by the well-established hedge along the access to Hall Farm from Grafton Road. This represents the examiners option ii).
- 1.4 The boundary amendment proposed accords with section 11 of the NPPF in making the effective use of land and paragraph 16 part b) of the NPPF in that the plan would be positively prepared. The amendment in this regard would also accord with paragraph 16 d) by providing a clear and unambiguous policy position where the settlement boundary is clearly discernible both on a plan and on the ground.

