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Comments are invited, regarding whether the draft Hargrave Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) 2011-2031 and supporting documentation fulfil the "**basic conditions**", as required by paragraph 8 (1) (a) (2) of Schedule 4B to the Parish and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Localism Act 2011). If you wish to make comments about the draft Neighbourhood [Development] Plan, please specify which of the "basic conditions" you are commenting on (see Q1, overleaf). Comments should set out a justification as to why you consider that the basic condition has **not** been met, or why you consider that the basic condition has satisfactorily been met.

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**Q1** The following “basic conditions” form the statutory requirements for the draft Neighbourhood Plan. These require that the Neighbourhood Plan:

1. **Has regard to national policy and guidance from the Secretary of State;**
2. **Contributes to sustainable development;**
3. **Is in general conformity with the strategic policy of the development plan for the area or any part of that area;**
4. **Doesn't breach or is otherwise compatible with previous EU obligations (incorporated into domestic legislation) – this includes the SEA Directive of 2001/42/EC; and that**
5. **The making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects**

Yes
No
No
No
No

[Please tick the relevant basic condition and submit a separate form for each of the basic conditions you are commenting on]

**Q2 Why do you consider that the draft Ringstead Neighbourhood Development Plan and/ or supporting documents do/ do not meet the specified “basic condition”?**

Please provide a brief summary of your comments.

Contrary to NPPF in respect of Local Green Space Site 5.1

**Detailed explanation**

Please give further details of your opinion and the reasons for it (continue on a separate sheet as necessary).

We wish to object to the designation of site 5.1, Triangular space north of village hall, as a Local Green Space under Policy HN6 of the Submission Neighbourhood Plan. The site has been allocated for designation as a Local Green Space without any objective assessment of its suitability for designation and without any evidence that it is “demonstrably special” to the residents of Hargrave” as required by Paragraph 100 of the NPPF. The Neighbourhood Plan relies on a general view within the community that they wish to retain green space around the village but then fails to provide any individual assessment of the sites identified, to determine whether they comply with the role which they ascribe to Local Green Space designations. There is therefore no evidence base to support a designation which relies on a high standard of proof that land is demonstrably special to warrant designation.

Site 5.1 fails to comply with a number of the general attributes given to determining Local Green Space designation as identified in Paragraph 100 of the NPPF. These include land which holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife. As highlighted above this has not been demonstrated. Furthermore the submission plan also highlights characteristics which have been considered when identifying sites. In this regard, whilst the land is undeveloped it does not represent a green “wild” area, nor does it provide a visual link to the countryside beyond. It is an area of private (no public or recreational access) and tended residential amenity land. It does not offer wide landscape views and has no evidence of importance as a natural habitat, something that could only be demonstrated through objective assessment and survey. There is therefore no apparent justification, even without the empirical evidence, to support the decision to allocate this site as a Local Green Space under Policy HN6. We therefore object to its inclusion and wish to see the designation as Local Green Space removed prior to adoption of the plan.



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The Settlement Boundary is not in accordance with the emerging Part 2 Local Plan

**Detailed explanation**

Please give further details of your opinion and the reasons for it (continue on a separate sheet as necessary).

We object to the failure to include the land edged in red within the defined Settlement Boundary for Hargrave. The plan offers no objective assessment as to why the Settlement Boundary has been drawn in the manner that it has, relying largely on an earlier draft plan prepared by the District Council with some alteration to take account of recent new development. The District Council are preparing a new Part 2 Local Plan which is reaching an advanced stage and this sets out a policy towards defining Settlement Boundaries, by reference to their built up areas. This represents a more measurable and consistent means of underpinning any decision to delineate a Settlement Boundary for the Neighbourhood Plan. In this regard, the emerging part 2 Local Plan suggests that Sites should be regarded as being within the Settlement Boundary where they represent residential curtilages bounded by built curtilages on at least 2 sides. In respect of the land identified on the attached plan is bounded on all but one side by existing residential properties and is therefore worthy of inclusion within the Settlement Boundary in line with the emerging local plan. We therefore object to the current Settlement Boundary plan and request an amendment to include the land shown edged in red on the attached plan.

