

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE SANDIACRE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:
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To Erewash Borough Council and Sandiacre Parish Council

By email to Evie Poxon, Planning Policy Officer, Erewash Borough Council; and
Michelle Bloor, Clerk, Sandiacre Parish Council.

Dated 9 July 2024

Dear Michelle and Evie

Sandiacre Neighbourhood Development Plan Independent Examination – Examiner Letter seeking clarification of a matter

Further to my initial letter of 24 June 2024 a revised date of 22 July 2024 has been agreed for the Parish council to make any comment on the Regulation 16 representations of other parties.

I have now undertaken an extensive visit to the Neighbourhood Area. My visit has highlighted a matter in respect of which I am now seeking clarification. As I understand the Clerk to the Parish Council is currently on leave, I have copied in Cllr Wayne Major as Chairman of the Parish Council, and Helen Metcalfe as Planning Advisor to the Parish Council.

My query relates to Policy 5 of the Neighbourhood Plan, particularly the intended designation of the route of the former Derby Canal from Sandiacre Bottom Lock to Cockayne's Bridge. Designation of Local Green Space can only follow identification of the land concerned. For a designation with important implications relating to development potential it is essential that precise definition is achieved. The proposed Local Green Space presented on Map 6g of the Neighbourhood Plan is imprecise along the whole length, particularly in the area between Sandiacre Top Lock and where the route crosses Lock Lane. I intend to recommend that Map 6g is replaced with a map that clearly defines the boundaries of the land to be designated as Local Green Space. Could you please provide me with such a map, preferably on an Ordnance Survey base.

A joint response of the District and Parish Council wherever possible would be most helpful. To maintain the momentum of the Independent Examination I request a response by 22 July 2024 which is the same date any comments of the Parish Council on the Regulation 16 representations is expected.

This email should be published on the District Council website. Any responses should also be published on the website.

Best regards
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