



NLPC/EWPC/St George's Barracks

10th February 2018

Parish Councillors
Parish Clerk
Steering Group Members
County Councillors
All Villagers (Thru' North Luffenham & Edith Weston Websites)

ST GEORGE'S BARRACKS PROJECT UPDATE AS AT 9 FEB 18

1. Firstly, thank you to all those that attended the Focus Group meeting held at St George's Barracks on 29th January. The presentation that formed the introduction to the event is attached. All of the papers that have been published to date can be found at: <https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-council/st-georges/> . We are delighted to report that the Joint Edith Weston / North Luffenham Parish Councils Working Group is gathering a significant head of steam and the aim of this short report is to outline the work currently being undertaken. We would emphasise that the aim of the group is not to be protest group seeking to stop the development of the site, but is a group that has been established to try to influence the development of the site to meet the aspirations of our respective villages.

MINERAL SURVEY / EXTRACTION

2. You will note that as a result of the recent mineral survey, a significant part of the eastern side of the site (NL Side) has been designated as being safeguarded for future mineral extraction under the national mineral strategy. (The relevant map is attached at **ANNEX A**) In respect of the quarry development, Helen Briggs, the Chief Executive Rutland County Council (CE RCC) stated that:

- Possibly 20 years before they get to the site
- 10 years to undertake the extraction
- The extraction will be East to West
- So potentially up to 30 years before extraction is complete

The working group is concerned that the designation of such a large area of the site for future mineral extraction will result in a greater density of housing than that initially proposed.

3. During the Focus Group meeting it became clear that RCC were making a number of assumptions in respect of the development, which give a better understanding of what is being planned. These assumptions included:

- Circa 1,500 to 3,000 new homes will be built on the site
- The site will include a business / commercial / employment area

- Supporting infrastructure
- Leisure and recreation facilities
- Protection of Grade2* listed part of the site (Thor Missile Site)
- A significant part of the site will be safeguarded for minerals extraction

RCC / MOD DEFINITION OF A GARDEN VILLAGE

4. "Designed to replicate a Rutland village community (albeit larger than our existing villages). The homes we will create will be at a density appropriate for the location and a mix of sizes to suit all needs. (Note: but what is appropriate !!)

5. There will be a range of affordable and quality homes and a range of tenures. The community will include affordable housing, social housing, retirement living, custom build and starter homes.

6. The homes will aim to provide a non-estate environment and will include gardens, garages and sufficient off-street parking provision. The design will aim to feature all aspects of a rural village such as a community hub, a pub, a post office, a village shop, a village green. The development will be supported by sustainable public transport, schools, superfast broadband, appropriate road infrastructure, leisure facilities and access to employment."

Note: **However** it should be noted that the number of properties in the local area is as shown below, and therefore a development of say 2,000 homes can hardly be said to replicate the existing form of a Rutland Village :

Edith Weston – Incl MoD Houses	402
North Luffenham	351
Ketton	848
Empingham	391
Uppingham	1,897
Oakham	5,090

(Figures provided by RCC at Focus Group meeting)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU).

In early January NL Parish Council had submitted a Freedom of Information (Fol) request to CE RCC for the release of the MoU that had been drawn up between the Ministry of Defence and the County Council. This request was turned down. However, at the Focus Group meeting on 29th Jan we were advised that a redacted version of the MoU was to be released immediately, and this was published on the Village Web Site the following day. This is a

complex document and some of the essential information, which was considered to be commercial in confidence has been removed (redacted). An early task for the working group will be to thoroughly review this document and where necessary through Fol requests should seek to identify relevant missing data.

BRIEFING TO ALL RUTLAND PARISH COUNCILS

At the Rutland Parish Forum meeting held at Catmose on 29th Jan 18 the Chair of NLPC raised the profile of the proposed development and our concerns through a statement under “Talkback”. He has forwarded a copy of the notes to the Secretary and these should be incorporated within the Minutes (attached at **ANNEX B**). The Working Group are clear that this development will impact upon the whole County and that it will be important to mobilise opinion well beyond our parochial borders.

WORKING GROUP TASKS

7. The joint Edith Weston / North Luffenham Parish Councils Working Group met last week with our County Councillor Ward Councillors. Cllr Ken Boole and Cllr Gale Waller. The notes from this meeting are attached at **Annex C** to this briefing note.

OFFICERS' MESS SITE

The Working Group are aware of a proposal to develop the Edith Weston Officers' Mess site as a quick win, with RCC potentially purchasing the site from the MoD and developing it ahead of the main site. Our thoughts on this are developed at Para 14 of Annex C

FUTURE ACTIONS

In the coming weeks the Working Group have committed to take the following actions:

- Prepare Terms of Reference for the Joint Working Group
- Report to respective Parish Councils at scheduled meetings
- Keep Parishioners advised of progress.
- Review the MoU in detail and identify what additional information we need to be released.
- Develop an on-line key document library
- Develop a St George's Barracks Web Site
- Cllr Boole to discuss the Parish Councils' concerns with Sir Alan Duncan MP and elicit a response to our letter of 21 Dec 17.
- Meet Oliver Hemsley, new Leader of the Council – scheduled for 14 Feb 18.
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- Review RCC governance in respect of this project. Lead Gareth Jones
- Review in detail the Govt's Garden Village policy papers to advise the Concerns / Challenges paper – Paul Cummings

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- A Communications Plan to be developed with support from all forms of local media
- The Working Group should try to identify a suitable high-profile champion
- Identify residents with appropriate professional skills to help advise the Working Group. Initial skills (there will be others) sought will include:
 - Local Authority governance
 - Market Research
 - Planning & Planning Law
 - Rural Development
 - Research & Administration
 - Branding
 - Media / Communications
 - Tourism
 - Infrastructure development

CONCERNS / CHALLENGES PAPER

8. It is anticipated that an initial draft Master Plan for the development will be considered by Cabinet within RCC on 20th Mar 18. The Working Group have agreed to write a document ahead of this meeting to express our initial concerns and to challenge some of the assumptions being made by the County Council. This is a key priority and it is planned that this paper will be prepared in draft form by 1 Mar 18.

LIAISON / DISCUSSION

9. To help inform our understanding of the Development proposals the Working Group will continue to seek meetings with key opinions formers throughout the County and to seek to establish links with similar groups elsewhere. We intend to draw on the experience of the team that successfully challenged the proposal to install a One Way system in Oakham.

RECRUITMENT

10. The Working Group would be delighted to hear from individuals willing to assist in our work. If you would like further information please contact: Paul Cummings (Tel: 01780 720124) or Norman Milne (Tel: 01780 722005).

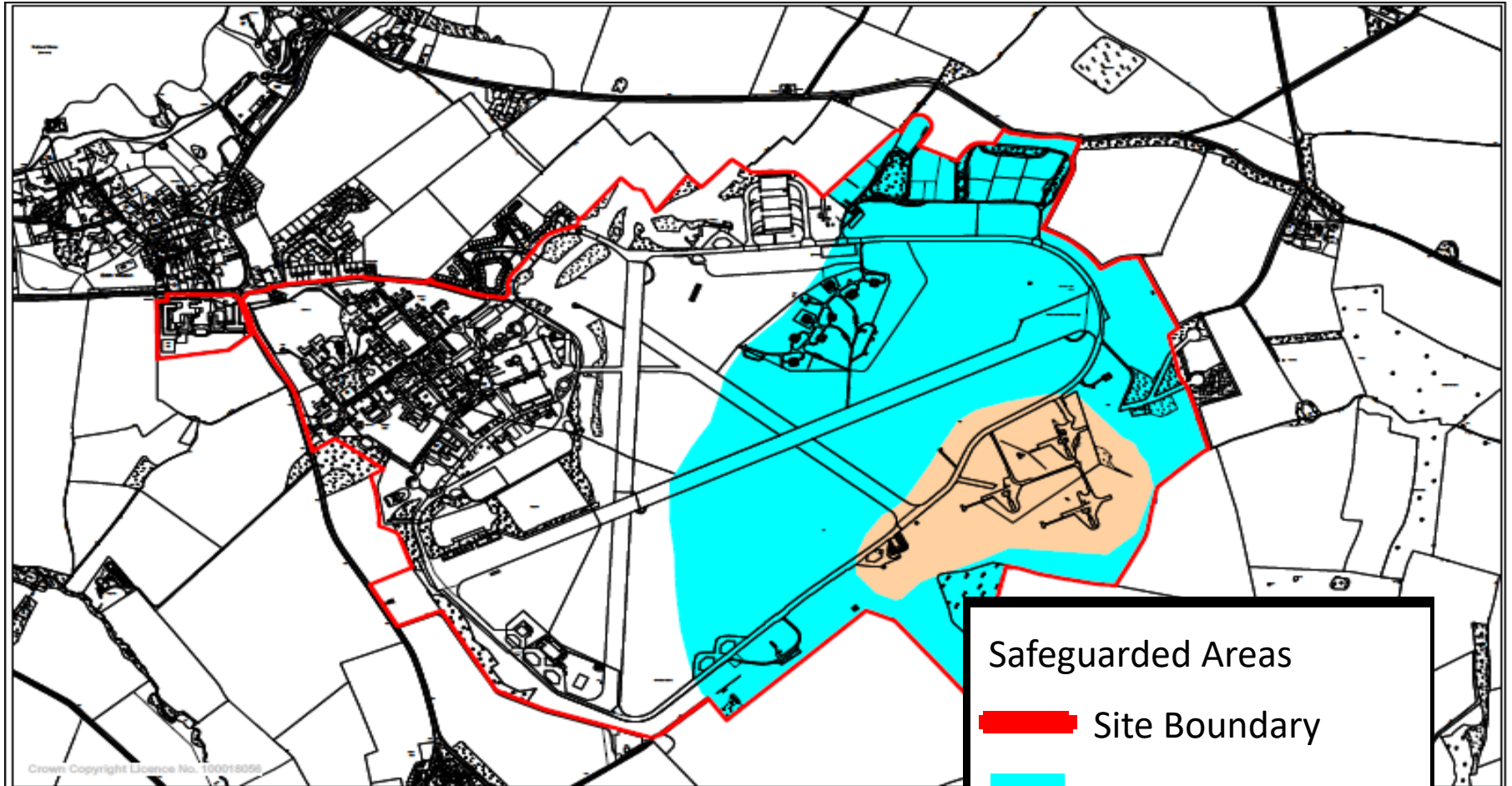
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ANNEXURES:

- A. Mineral extraction map
- B. Notes to Parish Forum Meeting
- C. Notes on a meeting with Cllr Boole and Cllr Waller

Minerals Safeguarded Area



Safeguarded Areas

 Site Boundary

 Mineral Extraction

 Listed Buildings

The Parish Councils of North Luffenham & Edith Weston

NLPC/EWPC/St George's Barracks

4 February 2018

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STATEMENT TO PARISH COUNCIL FORUM ON MON 29 JANUARY 2018 BY CLLR PBG CUMMINGS - CHAIR NORTH LUFFENHAM PARISH COUCIL ON BEHALF OF NORTH LUFFENHAM AND EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCILS

I would wish to bring to your attention the current proposals being developed by the County Council in Partnership with the Ministry of Defence concerning the development of St George's Barracks following the closure of the barracks in 2020/21. MOD and RCC are working in partnership under a Memorandum of Understanding which is now available on the RCC web site - please do look it up: (<https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-council/st-georges/>)

The current proposals are to bring the 300 hectare brownfield site forward for development. The County Council believe that regardless of RCC involvement the site will be brought forward as a development site based on a need for new homes and a capital receipt for the MOD

We have been advised that the development is being designed to replicate a Rutland village community. "The homes we will create will be at a density appropriate for the location and a mix of sizes to suit all needs." However rather than a typical Rutland Village Community, what is actually being planned is a development of up to 2,000 new homes, which cannot be considered to be a typical Rutland Village – a new village that will be larger than Uppingham, planned in addition to the homes required under the draft local plan. In addition a huge extension of the Ketton limestone quarry is planned for almost a third of the 300 hectare site.

It is essential that we are all aware of the scale of this development and the impact that it will have upon the County as a whole. Most importantly it is vital that promised infrastructure improvements are put in place ahead of the proposed development. This will involve enhancements to the roads surrounding the area and access to both A47 and A1 trunk roads. 2,000 homes is likely to bring an additional 3,000 cars onto our roads, concentrated in a very small area. We are all aware of the difficulties already in parking in Oakham

and Uppingham, let alone Stamford. If such a massive development is to take place we must consider infrastructure enhancements in the broadest possible way. We need to be aware of the impact that this will have on Schools, Medical Facilities, Social Services etc. Clearly investment in jobs on the site is essential in parallel with the proposed development. I would ask you to consider how we are to find sufficient jobs to meet the needs of 2,000 families, without increasing the number of people commuting to work outside the County.

It is therefore essential that we are all aware of the scale of the proposed development and indeed the potential impact that it will have not only upon Edith Weston and North Luffenham but every community within the area. An initial master plan for the site is proposed to be prepared by Mid March, so do please ensure that your representatives are aware of the concerns that such a development will have on our small rural County.

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NL Parish Council Chairman

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EW Parish Council Chairman

EWPC/NLPC – ST George’s Barracks

7 February 2018

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NOTES FROM A JOINT EDITH WESTON / NORTH LUFFENHAM PARISH COUNCILS MEETING HELD ON 5 FEB 18 AT EDITH WESTON

Present:

Norman Milne – EWPC
Paul Cummings – NLPC
Hugh Palmer – EW Neighbourhood Planner
Ed Jarron – EWPC
Tim Smith – NLPC (Planning)
Pete Burrows – NLPC (Data Management)
Tim Collins – NL (Environment)

Cllr Ken Boole – RCC (Local Councillor)
Cllr Gale Waller – RCC (Local Councillor / Project Board Member)

With thanks to Norman Milne the meeting was held in his offices. There was no formal agenda for the meeting, which took the form of a round table discussion. These notes are designed to highlight the issues raised and the actions proposed to be taken forward by the joint Working Group.

DISCUSSION

TIMING OF RELEASE OF MoU.

1. Whilst the release of the redacted MoU and some Annexures was welcomed, concern was expressed about the timing of the release, immediately after the Focus Group meetings. This meant that those attending the focus groups were unaware of the content of the MoU and were therefore unable to comment upon it at the focus group. This late release was seen as being a method of discouraging adverse or advised comment within the focus group.

MoD / RCC RELATIONSHIP.

2. Cllr Boole explained that following the declaration of intent by MoD to dispose of the site, which was made in Nov 16, RCC has worked hard to ensure that it has placed itself in a position to enable it to influence the process. It was confirmed by Cllrs Boole and Waller that as a ‘brown field’ site, RCC would struggle to stop the MoD selling the site for development to the highest bidder. It was confirmed that MoD are working to meet both

Treasury financial income targets for the disposal of redundant MoD estate and to meet Government targets for the building of new homes.

The responsibility of Ward Councillors to reflect the views, and in particular the concerns of their constituents was emphasized strongly. This was especially true of Cllrs that sat on the Project Board.

PROTECTION OF COUNTY’S HERITAGE

3. Concern was expressed by Working Group members about the role of RCC – it was not clear that RCC were working to protect the rural character of the County and its status as a recreational area of national importance and outstanding beauty. (Note: This would surely not happen in the Lake District)

4. Cllr Waller confirmed that Historic England have been and will be involved in ensuring that any historic sites are protected and that a buffer zone would be created around them. This included the Grade 2* Listed Thor Missile sites. It was suggested that the site might contain the remains of a significant Anglo-Saxon settlement, potentially as large as Sutton Hoo. Most of this was likely to be located within the area designated for quarrying. It was agreed that care would need to be taken to protect all historic sites and artifacts. **It was agreed that there was potential for the development of a museum / heritage centre on the site.**

DEFINITION OF BROWN FIELD SITE

5. **The Working Group challenged the assumption that all of the available land was brownfield.** Indeed much of the land could be returned to agricultural use with no significant change. Local sites such as Woolfox had indeed successfully been restored from Airfield to Agricultural Land.

6. It was noted that Government guidance on the development of brown field sites was clear - *“The Government knows that local authorities share its ambition to maximise housing delivery on brownfield land. In June last year we announced that we expect to see local development orders being used to get permissions in place on over 90% of suitable brownfield land by 2020, and we made a commitment to implementing a package of measures to support authorities in delivering this goal.”*

Note: The definition of brownfield land suitable for new housing (see below) would suggest that the unbuilt curtilage might not be developed.

Defining brownfield land suitable for new housing ¹

It was noted that: “Brownfield’ (previously developed) land is defined in Annex 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework as: *Land which is or was occupied by a permanent structure, including the curtilage of the developed*

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land (although it should not be assumed that the whole of the curtilage should be developed) and any associated fixed surface infrastructure. This excludes:

- *land that is or has been occupied by agricultural or forestry buildings;*
- *land that has been developed for minerals extraction or waste disposal by landfill purposes where provision for restoration has been made through development control procedures;*
- *land in built-up areas such as private residential gardens, parks, recreation grounds and allotments; and*
- *land that was previously-developed, but where the remains of the permanent structure have blended into the landscape in the process of time.*

This is a very broad definition and (apart from the exclusions) covers all land in England where there are or have been buildings or other development. Much of this land is in productive use and would not be suitable for new housing. If we are to ensure progress towards the Government’s objective of having local development orders in place on more than 90% of suitable brownfield land by 2020, it will be important to have good quality data about land that can be used for this purpose. We are therefore proposing that local planning authorities should identify land which follows the definition in the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Government attaches great importance to the Green Belt and the National Planning Policy Framework makes clear that the fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and permanence. Inappropriate development on brownfield land in the Green Belt should not be approved except in very special circumstances.

Tim Collins drew the group’s attention to the 2017 Brownfield Land Register Regulations that require the exclusion from the register of land where there are listed building or areas or where there would be adverse impacts on the natural environment

(see:
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/403/pdfs/ukxi_20170403_en.pdf).

Note: The Working Group believe that it is important that due recognition is given to the undeveloped nature of a significant proportion of the site. This area is also of significant environmental interest in its own right because of its wildlife interest.

MINERAL EXTRACTION

7. Cllrs Boole and Waller commented that this site was exceptional, in particular in respect of the significant mineral reserves that had been identified across a large swath of the eastern two-thirds of the site. It was anticipated

that it would be 20-30 years before mineral extraction was complete on the site.

GARDEN VILLAGE

Note: Government Definition of a Garden Village²:

8. **The Working Group expressed concern and frustration about the continuing use of the phrase garden village.** In Rutland terms, what was being planned was a new town similar or larger than Uppingham (Currently 1,897 properties). Certainly the term a typical Rutland Village was meaningless as villages evolve over hundreds of years and what was being planned was a significant conurbation of new homes that could never replicate a Rutland Village. Within the Government guidelines for a Garden Village development it requires that:

“Local demand It is important that new garden villages are built as a response to meeting housing needs locally. We expect expressions of interest to demonstrate how the new settlement is part of a wider strategy to secure the delivery of new homes to meet assessed need.”

As noted below, it was the view of the Working Group that this is not the case in respect of the proposed St George’s Barracks development.

LOCALISM

9. **Mr Palmer drew the attention of the Working Group to the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, which aimed to make decision making process bottom up rather than top down to enable decisions on matters including planning to be made at the lowest possible level.** The Secretary of State in 2011 stated that:

“Planning did not give members of the public enough influence over decisions that make a big difference to their lives. Too often, power was exercised by people who were not directly affected by the decisions they were taking. This meant, understandably, that people often resented what they saw as decisions and plans being foisted on them. The result was a confrontational and adversarial system where many applications end up being fought over. The Localism Act contains provisions to make the planning system clearer, more democratic, and more effective.

Abolition of regional strategies

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https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/508205/Locally-led_garden_villages__towns_and_cities.pdf

‘Regional strategies’ were first required by law in 2004. These strategies set out where new development needs to take place in each part of the country. They include housing targets for different areas, set by central government. Local communities had relatively limited opportunities to influence the strategies.

This centrally-driven approach to development is bureaucratic and undemocratic. Rather than helping get new houses built, it has had the effect of making people feel put upon and less likely to welcome new development.” The Secretary of State wrote to local authorities in 2010 to tell them that the Government intended to abolish regional strategies. The Localism Act will enable us to do this.

LOCAL PLAN 2011³

10. The Working Group noted that within the current local Plan - Policy CS6 – Re-use of redundant military bases and prisons states that: The key requirements for any proposals are that they should:

- re-use existing land and buildings and where appropriate minimize any built development on undeveloped airfield land;
- not lead to undue disturbance to nearby local communities through traffic, noise, aircraft activity or other uses;
- protect and where possible enhance the countryside and character of the landscape, natural and cultural heritage;
- be accessed satisfactorily and not generate unacceptable traffic on the surrounding road network
- be accessible by public transport and include measures to encourage walking and cycling;
- incorporate high quality design and construction including the need for energy efficiency, renewable energy and waste management.

DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

11. It was noted that the revised draft local plan⁴ identified future housing needs and proposed sites. The entire future housing needs of the County had been identified and sites allocated, concentrated on the main centres of Oakham and Uppingham. **Cllr Waller agreed with the Working Group that there was no requirement for the proposed development to meet RCC’s future housing requirements but would help to meet regional and national requirements for housing. (But note 2011 commitment to abolish Regional strategies)**

³ Core Strategy Development Plan 2011

⁴ <https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/planning-and-building-control/planning/planning-policy/local-plan-review/>

12. The Working Group noted that within the draft local plan, in respect of development in Villages, the draft plan states that:

Development in the Towns and Villages

4.31 Most new built development will be located within and adjoining towns and villages. Such development can have a major impact on the environment. It is important to ensure that the impact of development is not detrimental and that it is complementary to the scale, form and character of the settlement.

4.32 Policy RLP3 provides the over-arching planning policy guidance relating to built development proposed within the Planned Limits of Development of Oakham, Uppingham and the villages identified in the settlement hierarchy. It is to be read in conjunction with Policy RLP33 (Delivering Good Design) and Policy RLP45 (Landscape Character Impact). The policy provides the basis for a presumption in favour of development in the most sustainable locations available for growth.

4.33 It is of critical importance that such development does not have an adverse impact, either individually or cumulatively, upon the character of the village or neighbourhood, on the edge of a settlement and is in keeping with the character and setting of the locality. To achieve this, and in order to ensure the amenities of the area and neighbouring properties are not unacceptably affected by such development must also meet the requirements of Policy RLP33 (Delivering Good Design) and Policy RLP45 (Landscape Character Impact).

COMMENT: It was the view of the Working Group that the proposals for the development of St George’s Barracks flies in the face of the current local plan and the draft local plan and indeed the whole concept of localism. Rutland does not need this development to meet its housing needs.

SUITABILITY OF THE SITE

13. Bearing in mind its location – in the heart of the county, adjacent to Rutland Water, with little in the way of infrastructure and away from all centres of employment it was the view of the Working Group that St George’s Barracks was a totally unsuitable location for a development of the size currently proposed.

OFFICERS MESS SITE DEVELOPMENT

14. The Working Group expressed real concern about the proposal to ‘fast-track’ the development of the Officers’ Mess site. Any development on this site would fly in the face of the current local plan and the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan. Real concern was expressed over a ‘quick win’ solution, which could set precedents for the development of the future development of the whole site. **All agreed that the greatest risk to the community was the MOD steamrolling the development to maximize financial returns.**

It was noted that RCC intended to purchase existing land from MoD, to

draw up development plans and then to sell the site to a developer. It was anticipated that this could be achieved within a short time scale, as soon as MoD agreed to vacate the site.

15. Tourism - Development on this site would eliminate the opportunity for long-term development of the site as a tourist amenity (Hotel, Sailing Centre, Fishing Centre, Cycling Centre etc). Rutland’s most important industry remains tourism and **it is essential that Rutland identifies where its priorities lie** – in the development and sustainment of the County or meeting short term financial targets on behalf of MoD.

SCALE OF DEVELOPMENT

16. It was agreed that carefully managed small-scale development, over the long term, on several sites may provide an opportunity to assuage local concerns and could help the community to grow in a managed way. It was the view of the Working Group that the local communities would need to be able to significantly influence the development. However the proposed scale which is likely under the Government’s Garden Village concept needs to be at least 1,500 homes and probably substantially more (RCC have indicated a projection of 1,500 – 3,000 new homes), would be entirely inappropriate and would be fiercely resisted. It was agreed that it would be important to mobilise the County to fight such a large-scale inappropriate and unnecessary development.

17. Norman Milne reflected on the new Taylor Wimpy site in Stamford which crammed 400 homes into a development on the West of the town. The proposed development would be likely to be six times the size of that development.

SURVEY

18. Ed Jarron proposed that a survey be developed for use initially within Edith Weston and North Luffenham to capture the views of local residents. In time this could become a County-wide referendum. The Working Group agreed to prepare a survey, which could be used to identify the views of residents and reflect the requirements of the localism act.

BUFFER ZONES

19. The Working Group identified that the existing buffer zones to the South of the airfield needed to be retained (to provide both a greenbelt between the St.George’s development/quarry and Edith Weston and North Luffenham and also to provide public access to the Thor Missile complex) and an assurance should be sought from RCC that they would not sanction any change of use for this land. Cllr Waller indicated that in some cases the ownership of the land in question was not clear. It was suggested that this area could be protected if included formally in a neighbourhood plan.

GOVERNANCE

20. The Group discussed how revised boundaries might be identified and established. It was agreed that any development of the Officers’ Mess site would need to be within Edith Weston.

ABILITY TO INFLUENCE DECISION MAKING

21. The Working Group sought the advice of County Councillors on how we would be able to influence the development. We were advised that the One Public Estate partnership was not a decision making body with financial powers and that decisions on the development would lie with Full Council or Cabinet or through Leader / Chief Executive. **It was considered important to find a way of creating real influence in respect of the decisions relating to the development.** The view expressed by CE RCC that the development was “For Rutland” needed to be challenged on a broad front. An approach as taken to challenge RCC’s proposals in respect of Oakham High Street, was deemed to be an effective approach. To do this, **public opinion across the County would need to be mobilized.** It would be important for all County Councillors to be aware of the concerns regarding this development proposal.

INVOLVEMENT OF MP – SIR ALAN DUNCAN

22. It was reported that our letter of 21 Dec 17, to Alan Duncan inviting him to an early meeting remained unanswered . Cllr Boole advised that he would raise the matter on our behalf.

ABILITY OF RCC TO MANAGE A PROJECT OF THIS SIZE

23. The group opined that RCC did not have the skills sets nor ‘horsepower’ to manage a development of this scale, and that there was a danger that consultants would struggle to understand the ‘Rutland’ issues relating to such a small county and community.

HOW DO WE CHALLENGE THE PROPOSALS - IDENTIFICATION OF CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES

24. Cllr Boole suggested that the Working Group should prepare a document, which would lay down our concerns in detail and challenge the assumptions that had been made to date.

AGREED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN FORWARD

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