DAVENTRY DISTRICT SETTLEMENTS AND COUNTRYSIDE LOCAL PLAN
PART 2 - HEIRARCHY SETTLEMENT DOCUMENT (paragraph 5.2)
Respondent Ref No : 15

Dear Mr Wildgoose,

I would wish to comment upon the JUSTIFICATION, SOUNDNESS and PROPORTIONALITY of the categorisation of Staverton as a Secondary Service Village in the Settlement Heirarchy document for the following reasons.

Staverton has only 1 pub and Braunston has 4 pubs, yet Staverton was awarded 10 points the same as Braunston. There is no proportionality here.

Staverton has one bus in the early morning that proceeds from Daventry, via Staverton to Leamington. Further it has one bus in the early evening from Leamington, via Staverton to Daventry. The main requirement for shopping and work emanates in Daventry, thus rendering this service of no import. Badby has an hourly service to Daventry and Banbury, thus being of relevant use. However Staverton was awarded the same number of point for a bus service as was Badby, namely 5 points. There is no proportionality here.

Staverton was awarded 5 points for a shop/takeaway. Staverton has no shop, no post office and no takeaway. There was a farm shop for a while but that was closed, in August 2017 to make the farm a wedding venue instead. Braunston was also awarded 5 points, it has a small supermarket, butcher, post office, fish and chip shop, chandlery, hairdresser, and many other businesses. There is no proportionality here.

Staverton was awarded 2 points for a playing field and a sports field. We do have ONE playing field that has mostly children’s swings and a small section at the end for the children to play football. Thus Staverton should have only been awarded 1 point.

Therefore I would assert that Staverton has been considerably overmarked thus generating an ILLEGAL Score for the Settlement Heirarchy. For reasons of SOUNDNESS and for ACCURACY and PROPORTIONALITY I would request that Staverton’s score be reassessed and corrected. Staverton should properly be in the OTHER category, where all future development should be of “small scale, fully appropriate and sympathetically delivered”.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jay Holliday