

Response to EXAM Documents 15 to 17 – Berrys

I support the alterations to policy S1

With regard to the alterations to the Chapter 5 as regards the alteration to 5.2.25 I would comment that the list of criteria for development in exceptional circumstances should include reference to sites where an environmental improvement would result, to be consistent with Policy R1 of the West Northants JCS. E.g.

“Other Villages

5.2.25 Beyond the Primary and Secondary Service Villages there are a number of generally smaller villages which have a more limited range of services and facilities, for example the provision of a public house/restaurant, a community hall and in some instances a primary school. Whilst it is important to retain these services and facilities, taking forward policy R1 of the WNJCS and to ensure a sustainable pattern of development across the District it is considered that development should be limited at these villages, to being small scale within the confines. However, development may be allowed outside the confines exceptionally and in more limited circumstances than is envisaged for Primary and Secondary Service Villages, specifically; and only outside the confines where it would clearly meet an identified local need.

- Where the development provided would clearly meet an identified local need, for housing this would be need identified through an up-to-date Housing Needs Survey or housing needs assessment; or*
- Where a scheme is required to support an essential local service that has been demonstrated to be under threat, especially a primary school; or*
- Economic development that will enhance or maintain the vitality or sustainability of the Other Village or would contribute towards and improve the local economy; or*
- Where development connected to the edge of settlement would provide for a visual and/or environmental improvement.*

Many thanks

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