

Knebworth Parish Council Comments on Regulation 16 submissions to Knebworth Neighbourhood Plan from Hertfordshire County Council

Sections 5.3 and 5.4:

We would be happy to include further references to LTP4 in the text of this section. However, KBLE2 already refers to development having to be “demonstrated to have a minimal traffic impact”.

Section 6.5 Policy KBBE4 Design:

The policy refers to the provision of garages being a suitable space to park a car in and if it is included as part of the car parking provision for a home then it should remain a car parking provision. The emphasis is not on provision for cars per se.

Section 6.6 Policy -KBBE5 Master planning and Placemaking:

This policy is about placemaking and not about taking away people’s choice to have a car.

Section 6.7- 6.9 Policy KBBE6, 7 & 8:

These policies are not designed to duplicate what is already in the Local Plan. They look at issues that have been identified as important by the people of Knebworth raised throughout the process of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan.

Policy KBT1:

We understand the HCC’s intentions, but Neighbourhood Plans cannot look further afield. They can only concern themselves with the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Policy KBT3:

The offer of HCC to undertake a parking assessment at the station would be welcomed. Travel incentives and measures would go some way to reducing the reliance on cars but cannot be achieved through this Neighbourhood Plan.

Policy KBT4:

As with the comment in KBT1 above Neighbourhood Plans cannot achieve what HCC would like them to in terms of their wider aspirations for transport in the county.

Masterplanning Approach:

It is hoped that Local Plan Policy SP9 is adopted and brings about more of a Masterplanning approach for Knebworth that has at last been accepted by NHDC as essential for the village. The Neighbourhood Plan has sought to encourage sustainable mean of transport and highlighted the wider community benefits of being active.

7.2.2 Library:

There was no intention to confuse the slightly amended wording to ensure that everyone knows the library is open 5 days a week would be welcomed.

7.1 Para two, Section 7.4 and Chapter 10 re PROW:

It is a shame that the Countryside Team at HCC were not able to input in the Regulation 14 consultation and this issue would have arisen at a point where we would have been more able to do something about it. However, Neighbourhood Plans are largely prepared by volunteers with local interests. and in this case interests were directed to other topics. That said, PROW have been a little neglected in this Neighbourhood Plan, without intent.

We would be happy to include additional text like that suggested into 7.1 and cross-refer to Policy KBT1 Sustainable Modes of Travel and additional text into 10.2. The additional policy wording suggested as an addition to KBW3 would however, at this late stage, fit better into the Sustainable Travel section.

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