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Dear Mr Mead,

**Re: Kemble and Ewen Neighbourhood Plan Examination.**

Thank you for your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020. I am replying to you as one of the Neighbourhood Plan Co-Ordinators on behalf of the Parish Council who have approved the contents of this letter. A copy of your letter has been placed on the Parish Council website and this letter will likewise be so posted.

The Parish Council's response to your questions is as follows;

**1. Policy KE2 Infrastructure.**

The answer to your question is "yes" and we agree that the justification could then be amended as you suggest.

**2. Policy KE3 Protecting Local Green Space.**

The information in the Appendix was correct at the time it was compiled. Subsequent enquiries were made about ownership and the details obtained. Letters were the sent in the form set out in the consultation statement to each of the owners. No LGS were added after the Regulation 14 consultation.

**3. Policy KE7 Kemble and Ewen Design Guide**

Q.4. The February 2020 version of the Design Guide (DG) is an update to reflect the changes introduced as a result of the Pre-Submission consultation.

Q.5. The DG was produced with the help of AECOM as a part of the plan and grants were obtained on the basis that the DG was intended to be part of the NDP. The DG has been prepared on the basis that it incorporates flexibility where appropriate and it is not envisaged that it will be necessary to amend it in advance of the review of the NDP. The desire to have the DG as part of the NDP arises from the fact that Kemble particularly has had some unfortunate experiences with poorly designed developments. The PC wishes it to be clear that it, like current national policies, attaches considerable importance to achieving well designed developments.

Q.6. The PC has been very grateful to the District Council planning team for its help and support. So far as possible and appropriate the PC has taken on board all the points the DC has made in respect of the DG. We are not aware of any significant issues that remain but will seek to agree a SoCG with the DC as soon as possible.

**4. Policy KE9 Development Affecting non-designated heritage assets (NDHA)**

The answer to the first question is "yes" the areas are those identified by Montagu Evans. We agree that both areas should be identified on the map and that KE9/7 should be modified to remove the Top Farm development which was undertaken after Montagu Evans reported.

**5. Policy KE11 Landscape**

The answer to the question is “no”. The second part of the policy is intended to apply in the wider landscape everywhere and operates within the SLA as a particularisation of part (i) of the policy which has been drafted so as to ensure consistency with the District Local Plan.

I hope we have satisfactorily addressed your questions. If you require any further information we would be pleased to provide it.

Yours sincerely