

## **Examination of the Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan:**

**STATEMENT:**

**Delivered By Hand:**

**Malcolm Starreveld [392]**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – 9.30**

**Issue 9 Downham Market [F.1]**

**Question 9.1 [particularly in relation to site F1.3]**

Sufficient evidence has already been submitted through various processes and by other contributors showing the current proposal at F1.3 is unjustified from either an allocation perspective, or by location and proximity to the town centre and is therefore not sound. It also does not accord with the Town Councils preferred solution for 3 sites or the CS Inspectors wishes.

Site F1.3 is known locally for its high minerals content and although a minerals assessment has been included as a requirement, this would undoubtedly delay the delivery and implementation of this site particularly next to existing housing where special measures may be required. As such it is in reality not viable, or immediately deliverable.

If the plan reverts to the previously proposed 3 site solution and that is adopted now, this would not only allow road infrastructure to be completed during this round, something the TC wanted to relieve town centre congestion, but would also enable housing implementation to proceed at a quicker rate if the larger proportion is assigned to the SE [F1.4] as recommended by the Core Strategy inspector. This would also then allow minerals to be assessed on a smaller scale at F1.3 which would then pave the way for more development at F1.3 in the next LDF round.

As a home owner adjacent to F1.3 I would like to state here, that I personally have no objection to some development where I live, particularly behind our property and to the side as this has positive advantages, I do however object to being accused of not wanting any development by a member of the public who is himself opposed to all development behind his own house and has gone to great lengths to condemn those seeking to do what is best for the town as a whole, including instigating a criminal investigation.

Please note this statement and comments previously made on the BC website are from myself as a member of the public and not as a local town councillor representing East Ward.

Thank you

22 June 2015, 1100hrs