

Input to Independent Examination of the Fylde Council Local Plan

By Treales Roseacre & Wharles Parish Council - Representor Number 65 :

This relates to MIQ question :

- Matter 4 Issue 8,

This is a supplementary statement to Treales Roseacre & Wharles Parish Council's earlier submission to this examination. The purpose of this is to provide a visual representation illustration of the proposed application of the amplified description of proposed Policy ENV3 Protecting Existing Open Space as described in the proposed Fylde Local Plan.

The purpose of this statement is to make an amplification to the submission previously made by providing a visual representation of the proposed area to be protected by a revised policy ENV3.

Treales Roseacre & Wharles Parish Council made a submission with regard to ensuring that it is clear that the scope of the existing policy EP2 is being retained i.e. applying to "open spaces" and not just "public open spaces", and that this is clarified in the new policy ENV3.

We noted that the rural settlement community of Treales in central Fylde is characterised by roadside fields and woodlands interspersed by with former estate farmsteads. These open spaces form the essential intrinsic character of the setting, reflecting the heritage of this rural community, which for the most part has managed to be uniquely retained whilst continuing to develop, unlike some other communities in our Parish. In the proposed Fylde Local Plan, it is proposed that Treales is to be within designated countryside. It is not a referenced rural settlement within the Settlement hierarchy.

The proposed Local Plan Policy S1 - The proposed Settlement Hierarchy - in considering Tier 2: Smaller Rural Settlements, proposes that "Within the rural areas, development will be restricted to the Tier 1: and Tier 2: Larger and Smaller Rural Settlements, except where development involves a like-for-like re-development of an existing property, the appropriate re-use of an existing building or minor infill development."

In recent times, there has been a concerted series of individual "infill" housing developments which, through the cumulative effect of forming a ribbon of urbanised housing development in the Treales community have and will significantly, adversely affected the intrinsic character.

In the current adopted plan, policy EP2, states that **DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED UPON OPEN SPACES, DEFINED ON THE PROPOSALS MAP, WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ESSENTIAL TO THE SETTING, CHARACTER OR VISUAL AMENITIES OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.** Only very limited parts of the Treales countryside community are the subject of such protection.

In the proposed Local Plan , at para 14.35, - Open Space (the Green Infrastructure network)- it is stated that that should be taken to mean all open space of public value, including, but not limited to:

natural and semi-natural greenspaces – including trees and woodlands, urban forestry, scrub, grasslands, wetlands, open and running water, wastelands and derelict open land and rock areas. At para 14.36 The National Planning Policy Framework requires councils to plan positively for the creation, protection, enhancement and management of biodiversity and Green Infrastructure and that the Fylde Open Space Study Update identifies a number of typologies, including natural and semi-natural greenspace.

In the proposed Local Plan, Policy ENV3 - Protecting Existing Open Space (the Green Infrastructure network)- states that the existing areas of open space which are identified on

the Policies Map, comprise the Green Infrastructure network within Fylde. The Green Infrastructure network will be protected from inappropriate development.

Whilst ENV3 has a number of paragraphs seeking to protect the character of *public* open space in the settlement hierarchy, there is no explicit described protection for open space which is considered essential to the setting, character, or visual amenities of communities in the countryside.

The modification proposed in section 6 below, will positively address the gap in unmet requirements of justified protection left in the proposed local plan in an effective way, consistent with national policy.

It is proposed to modify the following:-

i) add a paragraph to Policy ENV3, as follows:-

h. Development will not be permitted on existing open space (the Green Infrastructure network), defined on the Policies Map, which is considered essential to the setting, character, or visual amenities of communities in the countryside

ii) Add the following area to the Policies Map and identify :-

On both sides of the following sections of roadway, provide the protection of ENV3 (paragraph h) to the natural and semi-natural greenspaces - including trees and woodlands, urban forestry, scrub, grasslands, wetlands, open and running water, wastelands and derelict open land and rock areas :

These sections are :

From the entrance of "Church View Farm "on Carr Lane, north to the junction with Moorside and Kirkham Road to include all natural & semi-natural green and field spaces around the junction; east along Kirkham Road to Church Road; then east along Treales Road to "Grange Farm and then to the junction of Dagger Road and Kirkham Road".

This is in accord with the proposed Local Plan Strategic Objective 2 : To maintain, improve and enhance the environment by : paragraph c. Promoting the Green Infrastructure throughout the urban and rural areas of Fylde. (page 30)

We would now like to refer you to Figure A which shows an extract of the Policies Map, The green shaded area represents the area proposed to be subject to this amplified description of policy ENV3.

If applied this will greatly assist in the sustaining the intrinsic character and visual amenity of this particular rural community.