

CHICHESTER LOCAL PLAN REGULATION 19 RESPONSE 16th March 2023

CHAPTER 3: SPATIAL STRATEGY

Policy NE2 Natural Landscape

2. Development proposals in the plan area are designed to respect, and enhance nationally designated sites, distinctive local landscape character, and public amenity whilst sensitively contributing to their settings; 3. Development proposals maintain the identity of settlements and ensure the integrity of predominantly open and undeveloped land between settlements is not undermined;

Support – WGPC supports this approach but questions how it could be applied to Wisborough Green.

The 75 houses allocated to WG contravene this policy. Whilst undertaking its review of its Neighbourhood Plan, WG village identified sites for the housing allocation of 40 dwellings that respect the setting, form and character of the settlement. CDC's draft Local Plan lacks evidence to support the housing allocation of 75 and appears to be solely based upon sites identified within the HELAA. WGPC reiterate that the HELAA fails to draw upon the detailed assessments undertaken as part of the NP process.

For instance, sites identified in the HELAA shows development potential on Glebe Fields (HWG0011); these fields are in the setting of the historic Grade 1 Listed Church and would have a significant impact on the landscape character and rural setting of the church. The Parish Council commissioned its own study to demonstrate the historical significance of the area.