

Matter 11 – ASHWELL, BARKWAY, BARLEY, BREACHWOOD GREEN, HEXTON AND KIMPTON		
Action	Date on which Action Completed	Examination Doc Reference No.
In respect of AS1, NHDC to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) include reference to road access in bullet point 1 (ii) include reference to the retention of boundary hedgerows 	MM 202	
In respect of BK2, NHDC to consider the removal of the part of the site that is proposed to be retained as public amenity space from the allocation	MM 215	
In respect of BK3, NHDC to include additional criteria to take account of presence of Newsell Park Stud	MM 216	
In respect of BK3, NHDC to consider its position with regard to the reservation of land for a school and whether that part of the site should be subject to a special designation	Supporting note enclosed as Appendix M11(Ba)-1	ED148A
In respect of KW1, NHDC to clarify bullet point 5 to refer to a link to footway 14	MM 282	
In respect of KM3, NHDC to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) add reference to groundwater flood issues to bullet point 1 (ii) explain flood issue in supporting text (iii) remove reference to primary school expansion from the Infrastructure Delivery Plan 	MM 280	

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ED148 : Note on schools provision in Barkway

North Hertfordshire District Council Local Plan Examination Note to Inspector

Schools provision at Barkway

1. Following the Matter 11 hearing sessions relating to Barkway, the Council has been requested to consider its position with regards schools provision in the village. The following action has been specified:

In respect of BK3, NHDC to consider its position with regard to the reservation of land for a school and whether that part of the site should be subject to a special designation (ED95, p.3)

2. In correspondence following the examination session, Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) reiterated their request that the land be identified as a reserve school site. This letter is attached as Appendix A.
3. Notwithstanding this correspondence, NHDC is reluctant to introduce a 'special designation' for this land. HCC hold other land within the District for education purposes which is not subject to any specific policy designation in the plan. Such an approach would therefore lead to inconsistencies in the way such sites are treated.
4. There are no physical features on the ground demarcating the end of the proposed housing allocation at BK3 and the start of the reserve school site held by HCC. The land is currently a single field.
5. NHDC therefore consider that the most appropriate and pragmatic approach is to expand the proposed BK3 allocation to include the reserve school site. An additional site-specific criterion is proposed as a Main Modification to secure the land within the enlarged site for education use. This would reflect the current land ownership arrangements in planning policy.
6. This approach would be consistent with that taken for other sites in the plan where (provisional) education requirements are set out, such as Site IC3 at Ickleford which also reserves land already owned by HCC for education use within a proposed housing allocation.

Appendix A: Letter from HCC to NHDC, February 2018

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Dear Nigel

Examination of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031 Education Allocation Barkway

I understand that following discussion at the Matter 11 hearing session of the North Herts Local Plan held on 8 February the Inspector has asked for clarification regarding the retention of the existing reserve school site in Barkway. This site is in the ownership of the County Council.

I would draw your attention to paragraph 9 of the HCC Matters Statement submitted by the County Council for the hearing session on 8 February. This states that HCC as local authority for education consider that the retention of the existing reserve school site in Barkway will ensure that the proposed housing allocations are deliverable and justified with regard to the impact they may have on school places.

The County Council therefore request that this site is allocated as a reserve school site in the local plan.

I hope this provides the clarification required. Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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