

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR THE PARISHES OF OTTERY ST
MARY AND WEST HILL**

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Dear Ms Talbot

OTTERY ST MARY AND WEST HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Thank you for your response dated 27 January 2018 to my earlier questions.

Having studied the policy NP4 settlement containment map provided there is, however, one matter on which I still require clarification.

Policy NP4 is entitled Settlement Containment and states that *'proposals for development of land to the south and west of Ottery St Mary and proposals for development of land to the east and north of West Hill outside the built up area boundary, as identified on the proposals map, will not be supported'*.

The Settlement Containment policy is identified on the Inset Maps by two separate green lines on the edges of Ottery St Mary and West Hill. I would be grateful if you could advise:

1. How were the green lines drawn up and what are the reasons for them finishing where they do?
2. Please confirm that policy NP4 only applies to development on the open countryside side of the green line.
3. Please confirm that policy NP4 would not apply to that part of West Hill which lies to the north of Bendarroch Road between the BUAB and the green line.
4. Would a proposed development have to physically abut the green line for policy NP4 to be brought into play?

Subject to receiving this information, I hope to be able to speedily conclude my examination.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you and the local authority to ensure a copy of this letter and the subsequent response are placed on the relevant websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

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Examiner