

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE BUDLEIGH SALTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Sir or Madam

REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: BUDLEIGH SALTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Following my site visit on 13th April, I would appreciate some additional information as to the identification of these intended Local Green Spaces. I am unaware of any local assessment of green spaces within the town based on selection criteria which has had regard to the NPPF's paragraphs 76 & 77 and the national Planning Practice Guidance; and whether any potential green spaces have been considered for designation, but not taken forward in the Neighbourhood Plan. The spaces included in the Plan are very diverse, ranging from allotments and specialist sporting facilities to The Green on Station Road. At my site visit, I saw that some land lies within the Budleigh Salterton Conservation Area where there is existing protection, and a recent outline planning application has been submitted for partial development of the Hospital Garden site. It would assist me if you could provide additional evidence as to how and why each of the proposed spaces was selected.

I had some difficulty locating each of the Local Green Spaces on site and on the map on Page 36. It would be very helpful if you could number the 16 spaces listed in paragraph 7.8 and then show those numbers on the map on Page 36 of the Neighbourhood Plan. This is a practice which other Neighbourhood Plans have followed, and I consider necessary for readers and users who may not have detailed knowledge of Budleigh Salterton.

It would be useful to have the Forum's response sent to me (via the IPe office) by 2nd May 2017. In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of both this letter and the respective response (in due course) are placed on the relevant District and Parish Council websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

Jill Kingaby

Examiner