

TURVEY PARISH COUNCIL

26th February 2021

Turvey Parish Council response to the examiner's request from 17 February 2021

1. We responded to this in our initial draft response, and attached the letter from [REDACTED]. However, this was one of several sections that BBC objected to, advising us to remove it. They informed us that this part of the response (as well as one other) would leave the PC open to expensive legal action. I consulted our Advisor, Dave Chetwyn about this. He advised me that it was unhelpful to include these sections as they were not relevant and potentially troublesome.
2. I believe that this was included in the site assessment report. The site assessment does not specifically mention the Highways Officer's report on the previous application quoted. However, I have been informed by the ex-Chair of the SG that they were aware of this and took into account that the report concluded there were no overriding highways constraints.
3. Several councillors were concerned about this, which is why we tasked the SG with seeking firm assurances that parking would not be affected.
4. We did not specifically state that the request came after the Reg 14 consultation had ended, but we imagined that the Examiner would be able to conclude this. This is why we asked whether the plan might be amended by removing the specific recommended sites but adopting the policies to guide decision making. We were told that this was not possible.

The Parish Council is aware that Bedford Borough Council has responded to points 3 and 4 in detail as well.

Yours sincerely,

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