

We wish to register our support for the excellent work undertaken by the Steering Group in preparing such a sound, well structured and argued draft Ketton and Tinwell Neighbourhood Plan. The effort required to undertake this and in particular the very comprehensive consultation process in such difficult times is quite remarkable.

Our general comment is:-

Increased pressure on the Ketton and Tinwell parishes from development puts greater need to define open spaces that are important to the character of these two communities. This is well recognised in the proposed policy KT2 Landscape Character and Open View.

Our comments below are relevant to the plan findings and proposals for Ketton.

As the draft clearly presents, Ketton is a desirable village due to both its built and natural environments. Planning permissions approved means that Ketton will expand rapidly by in excess of 30%. This will put stress on both the built infrastructure as well as the natural environment. This very significant increase in the built environment will raise the importance of the natural environment.

The extent and quality of the natural environment in Ketton is well recognised in the draft plan. The proposed environmental corridors are comprehensively defined and in particular the Chater Wildlife Corridor. This being of great sensitivity as it bisects the village being the southern edge of the main part of the village and the northern boundary of both Aldgate and Geeston.

That this corridor should be recognised by the proposed Local Green Spaces and enhanced by those areas defined as 'Other Important Open Spaces' is absolutely essential in maintaining and hopefully enhancing the natural environment in Ketton in this period of very significant change to the built environment.

The proposed Local Green Spaces will put in place protection for the Chater Wildlife Corridor from LGS 6 Aldgate fields to the east through to LGS 14 Green Burial Ground and LGS 5 Geeston Quarry in the west. Geeston Quarry's designation as both an open space and a nature reserve is important to many villagers and in particular residents of Barrowden Road.

In conclusion, we reiterate our strong support to this draft Ketton and Tinwell Neighbourhood Plan as submitted.

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