

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you, in accordance with your public consultation regulation 16, to submit my comments in support of the Whissendine Neighbourhood Plan as published on the Council's website.

I am a resident of xxxxxx Whissendine and have been so for twenty-five years.

In this context I support the Whissendine Neighbourhood Plan for the following reasons.

- 1) It supports growth in sustainable locations, to meet the needs of the local community whilst reflecting the rural settlement pattern.
- 2) Due to the recent planning consent of 66 new homes off Stapleford Road the plan acknowledges that Whissendine has exceeded its target of new homes, as set out by Rutland County Council, by 19 dwellings. Therefore, it concludes there is no need to identify sites for residential development as the planned level of growth has already been exceeded.
- 3) The plan takes the 66 new homes off Stapleford road into consideration and therefore only supports and recommends sustainable residential development within the Planned Limits of Development (see Whissendine Village Design Statement Map, page 37 of plan). In addition, because of this development it concludes further residential growth is likely to be small scale infill or incremental growth over the plan period.
- 4) The plan would NOT be supportive of planning application ref 2022/1461/MAO 73 dwellings off Stapleford road. Which sits outside the Planned Limits of Development and will have a significant adverse impact on the village sewage infrastructure, volume of traffic, village school over subscription, risk of flooding, loss of public rights of way and bio diverse green spaces. It is not sustainable when combined with the 66 already approved. The combined total of these 139 new dwellings would completely undermine the 'way of life' and 'sense of place' outcomes, this plan sets out to enhance and protect for the future.

Thank you for your time for considering the above

Stuart Watkins