

[EXTERNAL] CORRECTION - RE: Automatic reply: Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan (Revision) 2022/23



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PLEASE NOTE

The stream to which I refer in my submission rises "just to the EAST of Newtown Road" and to the south of Stockerston Road.

Thank you.

John Woodhead

[EXTERNAL] Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan (Revision) 2022/23



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Re. Housing Policies Section OH4  
Smaller scale infill development.

In a rural town, such as Uppingham, there should be a much higher emphasis on the potential environmental impact of infill development. Within the Neighbourhood Plan it deserves a sub-heading of its own.

The Neighbourhood Plan fails to recognise the importance of the wildlife corridor that runs from east to west, just south of the centre of Uppingham. This is a major and significant feature of the town and it deserves to be recognised within the Neighbourhood Plan. After all, a major aspect of the appeal of Uppingham as a town is its rural location.

This corridor follows the stream which rises just to the west of Newtown Road. It flows in an easterly direction through Uppingham School arboretum and borders the graveyards to the south of Spring Back Way and South Street. It eventually flows away from the town, at the bottom of Station Road. The stream is bordered by green spaces, including private gardens on Spring Back Way and South Street. Many species of birds and mammals are to be seen in this area and they move across it to open countryside.

From a Planning point of view, the difficulty is perhaps that it is not a single "Green Space". Nevertheless the sum of the parts is remarkable and it needs to be protected. Major environmental bodies, such as The Woodland Trust, recognise that there is a need for inter-connectivity of habitats, so that wildlife and flora can survive and , in depleted areas, re-develop. In Uppingham we need to retain this valuable corridor and it must therefore be recognised in our Neighbourhood Plan.

In terms of the definition of "small scale infill", the upper limit of 10 housing units is too high. This number will definitely have a significant impact on any neighbourhood and there will also be an environmental effect. The previous threshold of 5 houses or fewer is more realistic.

