

Matter 1

We consider that in preparing the Stage 2 Local Plan, BBC has fulfilled its duty to cooperate and comply with legal and procedural requirements

During the process, we are satisfied that consultation has taken place widely, including the population of Brinsley, other interested parties, neighbouring settlements and adjacent Authorities including Ashfield BC

We are aware that that is not the view taken by Brinsley Parish Council (BPC) and its Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (SG) and put forward at several BPC meetings.

We feel that criticism of BBC in this matter by Brinsley PC is unjustified and based on inaccurate and misleading information which has been given by BPC and its Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in order to influence their preferred site for development, and cast doubt on the choice of BBC

BPC maintains that its view is shared by the majority of Brinsley residents. In BBC Alternative Site consultation 172 chose site 2 (Cordy Lane) whilst 208 chose site 1 (Church Lane). That clearly does not support the claims of vast support for the Cordy Lane site, it is a small proportion of a population of some 2300 villagers.

Brinsley Vision is concerned that failure to properly carry out planned comprehensive consultations by Brinsley PC (for which Locality Funding was specifically granted) has resulted in a misinformed view - many villagers still believe that the BBC preferred site will result in development along the whole length of Church Lane. In our opinion that misconception has negatively influenced consultation responses.

The actual BBC site is not on Church Lane – it is off Cordy Lane, behind the playing field.

It should be noted that of £9000 Locality Funding, £1800 had to be returned because planned consultations were not carried out by the SG.

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