



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Plumpton Parish Council
15th July 2019

Tondra Thom
Planning Policy Manager
Lewes District Council

Dear Tondra

Re: Lewes District Local Plan Part 2 – Policy GT01

I would like to thank you and your colleagues for taking the time to meet with myself, Cllr Rob Banks and Cllr Paul Stevens on the 5th July. The points below cover the concerns we have, and you kindly agreed to provide a written response to these questions.

- What guarantees can LDC provide that GT01 will not provide the precedent for further residential development outside the planning boundary (especially during the life of the made Neighbourhood Plan)?
- What guarantees can LDC provide that the site will not be extended beyond the currently proposed 5 residential pitches?
- What guarantees can LDC provide that once GT01 is adopted, the landowner would not be able to argue for a change of use given the planning and discrimination precedents that the policy provides?
- Given that LDC appears to have no statutory duty beyond allocating sites such as GT01, and ESCC has widely publicised funding issues with the indication that only statutory obligations will be met, can LDC please confirm under what statutory duty the site will be developed – if not a statutory obligation, then who is responsible for the costs of establishing the site?
- How will its use be confined in practice to those with the necessary protected characteristics?
- Why were LDC's own housing development sites not considered suitable to meet the needs?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Nick Beaumont

Chair: Plumpton Parish Council

cc: Leigh Palmer Head of Planning, LDC
Cllr Rob Banks, LDC
Councillors – Plumpton Parish Council
Anita Emery – Clerk to Plumpton Parish Council