

Dear Planning Policy team,

You have invited me “to review and comment on Stonesfield Neighbourhood Plan’s addendum to their Basic Conditions Statement”

OPINION

Having read through it, in my opinion the statements that appear to say the addendum (and the draft SNP as a whole) are no more restrictive than Local Plan policies, are without foundation and do not overcome the general concern that the draft SNP appears to be more restrictive than the existing Local Plan or the government’s attitude to housing within Stonesfield. There needs to be further proof that the draft SNP is not more restrictive (as I believe it is) and it is the role of the team creating the draft SNP to provide that.

The draft SNP appears to be against developments of market housing of 10 or more, and buffers that with its list of green spaces (not yet accepted by the district council). Though it adds the caveat, unless exceptional circumstances apply, it is the role of the district council and not the draft SNP to decide what those exceptional circumstances are. This is a summary of my views.

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