

Wellow Neighbourhood Plan Examination

on behalf of Test Valley Borough Council



Examiner's clarifying question to Wellow Parish Council

Question 1 - Policies WP-H4 and H5

These policies set out the criteria for considering extensions to, or replacement of, existing dwellings. In each case, the resulting floorspace would be limited to an approximately 30% increase over the original, this being justified as a way of maintaining the supply of smaller dwellings in the Parish.

While recognising the importance of this issue locally, I note that TVLP Policies COM11 and COM12 focus entirely on the visual aspect of such developments and do not seek to make a case for restricting the resultant size of dwellings on housing need grounds.

Is there any evidence that would support a more restrictive view of residential extensions in Wellow than applies in the rest of the Borough (and ignoring the position in the National Park)?

Since my draft report is almost complete, please can I simply ask for a response to this question as soon as possible. I will then be able to circulate the report for fact-checking.

In due course, please could TVBC ensure that this question and the response are published on the examination webpage.

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