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Sent: 14 January 2026 19:44
To: Hughes, Sarah
Subject: Amport Neighbourhood Plan Response

Dear Sarah,

Please find below response to Examiner.

Dear Mr Ashcroft,

This is the response of Amport Parish Council to the correspondence from the Silverwood Partnership.

Further to our previous response, we wish to reiterate that all landowners and developers were treated equally during the Neighbourhood Plan process. The Steering Group sought to operate impartially as between all interested parties, and did not have the resources to offer meetings to all individual respondents; accordingly, no party received special consideration. All landowners were asked to follow the same process and make representations during the Regulation 14 consultation, or attend public events, and discuss options with the steering group.

As the attached correspondence demonstrates, there was engagement between Silverwood Partnership and Amport Parish Council, the Amport Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the Parish Council's professional advisor, Bluestone Planning. In addition to what is set out, telephone conversations also took place with the consultant from Bluestone Planning.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) carefully considered the representations submitted by Silverwood Partnership, and always made sure that Amport Parish Council was kept informed of any developer's proposals. The proposals were reviewed in light of the community consultation, the housing needs survey, the previous emerging local plan policy (and the potential requirement for 10 dwellings), as well as discussions with Neighbourhood Planning Officers.

The NPSG followed the resulting supportive housing policy (Policy AM10.1 – Development of Housing to Meet Local Need). AM10.1 supports a housing site of up to 20 units – which is in excess of the previously emerging Local Plan allocation of 10 houses within the Weyhill Area.

This policy does not preclude the Silverwood Partnership from making an application for housing on their site.

Whilst a specific site for development has not been identified, this is not prejudicial at all to any landowner/developer. Unfortunately, due to the lack of government funding, a potential site assessment could not be completed by the NPSG.

Amport Parish Council remains confident that the consultation and decision-making process for the Neighbourhood Plan has been conducted in line with the relevant regulations and guidance in a manner which was fair for all.

Kind regards,

Diana Stephenson

Councillor

Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group