

Policy EN6 – Settlement Character



Option	Total	Percent of All
Support	<u>58</u>	12.75%
Object	<u>2</u>	0.4396%
Support with observations	<u>17</u>	3.736%
Other	<u>1</u>	0.2198%
Not Answered	377	82.86%

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Mr John Brown	ANON-BHRP-4H4Z-P	Every application should be considered very carefully on a case by case basis.	All applications are determined on a case by case basis.	
Lesley Judith Twigg	ANON-BHRP-4HEH-N	yes but still not allow them if they are not necessary just because they are in character--application needs proper assessment as every other	All applications are determined against the Local Plan in its entirety.	
Mr Herbert Daybell	ANON-BHRP-4HEA-E	There needs to be a realisation in the policy that some green space will be built on so it should read more proactively than restrictively, in accordance with the requirements of the NPPF.	It is considered that Policy EN6 is in conformity with the NPPF.	
Mark Colin Marlow	ANON-BHRP-4HEJ-Q	The definitions are hazy	The words used in Policy EN6 mirror wording in the NPPF.	
Anthea Brown	ANON-BHRP-4HE4-1	Some entrances to the villages are not aesthetically pleasing. e.g. Long Clawson which has always been a working and working class village. It has never been a 'posh' village or a show village as there are very few beautiful buildings but the majority of the long term residents have enjoyed living in a real community. The character of the village should be preserved as a working village. With the influx of some of the newcomers Long Clawson has suffered as the old village community has all but disappeared as the newcomers attempt to 'gentrify' the environment, encouraging large executive type houses and objecting to everything else.	Noted. Preserving the character of a place does not mean gentrification, but rather not harming what makes it distinctive and special.	
Susan Love	ANON-BHRP-4HZP-J	Must be rigorously enforced.	Policy EN6 will be used in the determination of all relevant planning applications.	
Moira Hart	ANON-BHRP-4HU7-M	This policy is particularly relevant to Long Clawson which has open heritage space and a conservation area that need protecting. Both Heritage England and the Planning Inspectorate have commented about the need to preserve the open views and historic character of this village. The suggested designation of Long Clawson as a Primary Rural Service Centre and the suggestions of building on land in the	Categorisation as a Primary Rural Centre was determined through an assessment of Long Clawson’s services and facilities and is not at odds with its Conservation Area status. In addition to protection afforded by Policy EN6, Policy EN13: Heritage Assets requires that new developments in Conservation Areas are consistent with the identified special	

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		historic parts of the village are contrary to this policy.	character of those areas. This can include open spaces where these contribute to the character of the Conservation Area.	
sarah mant	ANON-BHRP-4HUE-2	Please note that views of the village and for the village of Croxton Kerral are important to the residents	Noted. EN6 allow for Neighbourhood Plans to identify features of a settlement, including views, which contribute towards settlement character.	
CHRISTINE LARSON	ANON-BHRP-4HUU-J	This policy is particularly relevant to Long Clawson which has open heritage space, and a conservation area that need protecting. Natural England describes the characteristics of the Vale of Belvoir as follows: ‘settlements as well as extensive areas of ridge and furrow that separate small villages and farms linked by country lanes with wide verges. In the Vale alone there are over 22 villages and hamlets, with characteristic red brick buildings with pantile roofs, clustered around churches, which are constructed from ironstone and limestone contributing to the local vernacular.’ Long Clawson, nestling below the wolds escapment, is a Conservation Area with an ironstone and limestone Grade I 12th century Church, a Scheduled Ancient Monument, (Castle Field), and 17 Grade II listed buildings. Within the seven immediate neighbouring villages to Long Clawson, there are 106 listed buildings and 2 Scheduled Monuments - see http://list.english-heritage.org.uk/mapsearch.aspx and 2 SSI’s. Both Heritage England and the Planning Inspector have commented about the need to preserve the open views and historic character of the village. The suggested designation of the village as a Primary Rural Centre and the suggestion of building large scale developments on land in the historic parts of the village are contrary to this policy.	Categorisation as a Primary Rural Centre was determined through an assessment of Long Clawson’s services and facilities and is not at odds with its Conservation Area status. In addition to protection afforded by Policy EN6, Policy EN13: Heritage Assets requires that new developments in Conservation Areas are consistent with the identified special character of those areas. This can include open spaces where these contribute to the character of the Conservation Area.	
Clawson in Action - residents' group set up to Keep Clawson Long and Rural and working to support the production of a Long Clawson Neighbourhood Plan	ANON-BHRP-4HBM-Q	This policy is particularly relevant to Long Clawson which has open heritage space and a conservation area that need protecting. Both Heritage England and the Planning Inspector have commented about the need to preserve the open views and historic character of the village. The suggested designation of the village as a Primary Rural Centre and the suggestions of building on land in the historic parts of the village are contrary to this policy.	Categorisation as a Primary Rural Centre was determined through an assessment of Long Clawson’s services and facilities and is not at odds with its Conservation Area status. In addition to protection afforded by Policy EN6, Policy EN13: Heritage Assets requires that new developments in Conservation Areas are consistent with the identified special character of those areas. This can include open spaces where these contribute to the character of the Conservation Area.	
Deborah Caroline Adams	ANON-BHRP-4H38-K	Once again it is unfortunate that Melton Mowbray does not have a Neighbourhood Plan to protect it. Sometimes it seems that things get	Preliminary discussions have taken place between BID and the Council to designate Melton Mowbray town centre as a	

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		"dumped" in the Town.	Neighbourhood Plan Area.	
Anthony Paphiti	ANON-BHRP-4HBV-Z	This is vitally important. We are custodians of our heritage for future generations, rather than Luddites that destroy everything in the name of "progress".	Noted.	
Clair Ingham	ANON-BHRP-4HMZ-F	Seems sensible	Noted.	
Martin smith	ANON-BHRP-4H6A-Y	A large development (20-50 houses) would be totally inappropriate in Frisby on the wreake.	All site allocations in the Local Plan have undergone Sustainability Appraisal in order to determine their suitability for residential development in any one location.	
HSSP Architects	ANON-BHRP-4HMY-B	this is confusing - can this not be combined with policy EN5 - it covers the same issues?	The two policies need to be separate in order to be in conformity with the NPPF.	
Christopher Fisher	ANON-BHRP-4HM2-7	I wonder how the proposed developments in Somerby comply with this criteria.	Full details of the proposal have not yet been submitted to the Local Planning Authority, however historic environment, has considered in the site assessments of potential housing allocations.	
Sheryl Smart	ANON-BHRP-4H1G-Z	Lack of local knowledge of the people making the decisions means that this is very difficult to get right	Site visits are carried out by all decision makers.	
JOHN RUST	ANON-BHRP-4HUV-K	This policy is particularly relevant to Long Clawson which has open heritage space and a conservation area that need protecting. Both Heritage England and the Planning Inspector have commented about the need to preserve the open views and historic character of the village. The suggested designation of the village as a Primary Rural Centre and the suggestions of building on land in the historic parts of the village are contrary to this policy. Natural England describes the characteristics of the Vale of Belvoir as follows: ‘settlements as well as extensive areas of ridge and furrow that separate small villages and farms linked by country lanes with wide verges. In the Vale alone there are over 22 villages and hamlets, with characteristic red brick buildings with pantile roofs, clustered around churches, which are constructed from ironstone and limestone contributing to the local vernacular.’ Long Clawson, nestling below the wolds escarpment, is a Conservation Area with an ironstone and limestone Grade I 12th century Church, a Scheduled Ancient Monument, (Castle Field), and 17 Grade II listed buildings. Within the seven immediate neighbouring villages to Long Clawson, there are 106 listed buildings and 2 Scheduled Monuments - see http://list.english-heritage.org.uk/mapsearch.aspx and 2 SSI’s. Both Heritage England and the Planning Inspector have commented about the need to preserve the open views and historic character of the village. The	<p>Categorisation as a Primary Rural Centre was determined through an assessment of Long Clawson’s services and facilities and is not at odds with its Conservation Area status.</p> <p>In addition to protection afforded by Policy EN6, Policy EN13: Heritage Assets requires that new developments in Conservation Areas are consistent with the identified special character of those areas. This can include open spaces where these contribute to the character of the Conservation Area.</p>	

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Barkestone Plungar & Redmile Parish Council	ANON-BHRP-4H1P-9	We are very concerned at the loss of Village Envelopes and Protected Open Areas. These provided a suitably local level approach to identifying land which has historically defined the settlement character of our villages for years. Neighbourhood Plans and/or CA status may not be possible or appropriate in smaller unsustainable rural settlements, but these locations also need protection under the EN1 – EN6 policies.	The decision not to take village envelopes forward into the new Local Plan was made in order to reduce the development pressure on open areas within villages and allow sustainable growth. Outside of new allocations in villages, Policy SS3 allows for additional development subject to it meeting criteria which promote sustainability. Policy EN6: Settlement Character affords protection to other open areas which do not benefit from a LGS designation but which make an important contribution to settlement character. This includes some of the spaces which are currently Protected Open Areas.	
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Christopher John Noakes	ANON-BHRP-4HBK-N	Identify specific open spaces in rural settlements on the policy maps.	Designated Local Green Space is shown on the policy maps. It is not appropriate or feasible to show all green spaces on the policy maps.	

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Kerstin Hartmann	ANON-BHRP-4HGW-6	very vague and broad, hence pretty meaningless	The policy is in conformity with the NPPF (e.g. Paras 58, 64, 131) which seeks to preserve character of a place and is not meaningless.	
Margaret Jean Bowen	ANON-BHRP-4HHV-6	What happens if the settlement is too small to have a neighbourhood plan?	All settlements are capable of being covered by a Neighbourhood Plan as part of a Parish or Neighbourhood Area. However, it is not necessary for spaces to be identified in a Neighbourhood Plan as this policy provides opportunities to prevent development which is inappropriate to local character.	
Historic England	BHLF-BHRP-4H8Q-H	This policy is welcomed and supported.	Noted.	
Gladman Developments	BHLF-BHRP-4H8J-A	The above is also pertinent to the consideration of Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Settlement Character (Policy EN6) in that these factors need to be weighed in the planning balance when considering the benefits of any particular proposal, particularly the over-riding need to deliver the full, objectively assessed need for both market and affordable housing. Gladman also raise concerns with this policy in relation to the reference to areas of tranquillity. Whilst Gladman accept that ‘tranquillity’ is referred to in the Framework (§123), Policy EN1 provides no clarity on how the Council will define ‘tranquillity’ and how this policy will be applied in a consistent manner through the development management process. Opinions on tranquillity are highly subjective, therefore, without further clarity, this policy is likely to lead to inconsistencies in the decision making process. Gladman do not consider this part of the policy to be ‘effective’ as required by the Framework.	Policy EN6 policy does not refer to ‘tranquillity’. This is dealt with in the section on Policy EN1.	
Natural England	BHLF-BHRP-4HA7-Z	We welcome Policy EN6 – Settlement Character.	Noted.	
Policy EN6: What changes would you like to see made to this policy?				
Mr Herbert Daybell	ANON-BHRP-4HEA-E	It should read more positively to give developers more certainty.	The policy is positively worded. If necessary, the pre-application advice route would be advised to give a greater steer to developers.	
Mark Colin Marlow	ANON-BHRP-4HEJ-Q	Developments by definition harm open space. I would like to see stronger definitions of what constitutes harm and what does not.	‘Harm’ should be read in the context of the NPPF.	
Anthea Brown	ANON-BHRP-4HE4-1	I would like to see encouragement for developers to build suitable attractive but practical houses for ordinary working people, so that the villages (including Long Clawson) do not become dominated by the vociferous middle aged, middle class who threaten to stifle the	Sites are being assessed for allocation in the larger villages including Long Clawson.	

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CHRISTINE LARSON	ANON-BHRP-4HUU-J	Apply the policy as written and without prejudice.	Policy EN6 will be used in the determination of all relevant applications.	
Deborah Caroline Adams	ANON-BHRP-4H38-K	More site specific.	The policy does not designate any open space and therefore cannot be site specific.	
Shelagh Woollard	ANON-BHRP-4HB5-Y	Would like to see "Does not harm an outlook" included with the character of a settlement.	EN6 allow for Neighbourhood Plans to identify features of a settlement, including views, which contribute towards settlement character.	
Joe Pell	ANON-BHRP-4H68-P	I think that while previous village envelopes were out dated the protected open spaces should be reviewed.	A review of the Protected Open Areas was carried out as part of The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity Study and Local Green Space Study 2015 and informed Policies EN5 and EN6.	
Barkestone Plungar & Redmile Parish Council	ANON-BHRP-4H1P-9	We would like to see Village Envelopes and Protected Open Areas reinstated (and redefined) for small villages for which Neighbourhood Plans are not appropriate (these may be defined as the Rural Supporter/Rural Settlement categories).	<p>The decision not to take village envelopes forward into the new Local Plan was made in order to reduce the development pressure on open areas within villages and allow sustainable growth. Outside of new allocations in villages, Policy SS3 allows for additional development subject to it meeting criteria which promote sustainability.</p> <p>Policy EN6: Settlement Character affords protection to other open areas which do not benefit from a LGS designation but which make an important contribution to settlement character. This includes some of the spaces which are currently Protected Open Areas.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan are not inappropriate for any Parish.</p>	
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Kerstin Hartmann	ANON-BHRP-4HGW-6	clarify, less vague policy please	The policy should be read alongside the supporting text in order to provide more clarity.	