

## Letter to Owner Proceeding

Dear Landowner,

Date

### **Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon - Neighbourhood Development Plan 2020-2036**

As you know, Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Councils are drawing up a Neighbourhood Development Plan following the enactment of the Localism Act 2011. The Plan will influence and shape future decisions over the growth and development of the parishes for the next 16 years and it is important that its content incorporates the collective wishes and aspirations of the residents, landowners, and other stakeholders of Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon.

Thank you for responding to our recent "call for sites". Now that we know which landowners are willing to develop within Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon, we have appraised each site, in order to recommend in the Plan, which sites are most suitable and sustainable to accommodate the housing needs of the parishes for the coming years. The exercise has included a comprehensive sustainable site assessment (SSA) process with professional support. Using the National Planning Policy Framework, we have produced a provisional ranking of the sites put forward. The process is proven to be robust and has been supported by local communities, planning authorities, and planning inspectors.

All appraisals are based on evidence of housing needs, conformity with local priorities and our obligations for housing delivery under housing plans for the Borough.

Thank you for supporting our positive plan led development approach. As you have submitted a site for consideration please find attached:

The draft SSA report for your site.

The site selection framework scoring matrix we have used in compiling the assessment.

Following a detailed appraisal process, taking into account the SSA outcome and all other relevant factors, your site has been ranked highly enough to merit further consideration for residential development in the plan period. The attached SSA report is a draft for your comments should you wish to provide any additional information, if this is the case, please provide a written response within 14 days of the date of this letter.

The SSA scores will be available for public scrutiny, it is imperative that an open and transparent site selection process is followed and is seen to be followed by the community. (Insert links to B&TPC, SuBPC & NP websites)

The emerging plan will soon be made available for pre-submission consultation and a vote by parishioners in the form of a parish referendum, before being submitted to H&BBC. It will also need the approval of a Local Authority appointed Independent Examiner. If approved, the Plan remains a 'living document' and will be kept under review and updated on a regular basis.

In other words, it will be subject to the potential for future review and change in a dynamic plan led approach.

Thank you for submitting your site for consideration.