

2015 Focused Changes DEF Dacorum Environmental Forum (ID: 607346) , Dacorum Borough Council

Question 1 To which part of the Focused Changes to the Site Allocations does your representation relate?

Minor Change

Please specify the MC/SC reference

MC24

Are you (select one):

Objecting

Question 2 Do you consider that the specified Focused Change to the Site Allocations is:

a) Legally compliant

No

b) Sound

No

Question 3 Do you consider that the specified Focused Change to the Site Allocations is unsound because it is not:

- a) Justified
- b) Effective
- c) Consistent with national policy

Question 4 Please give details of why you consider the specified Focused Change to the Site Allocations is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible. (If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Focused Change to the Site Allocations, please also use this box to set out your comments).

The "Development Principles" for LA3, neither sufficiently safeguard the site and surrounding area from the environmental impact of the development nor promote standards of sustainability. DEF suggests the following amendments (comments in italics):

Optimise the potential for views across the Bulbourne valley.

Remove this principle: see "Design, layout and landscaping" below

Limit buildings to two storeys normally.

Design the development to the highest sustainability standards possible.

Take the character of buildings in the Chilterns area as a guide to high quality attractive design.

Use traditional materials, such as red brick, clay tiles and timber boarding, where feasible.

Arrange buildings and routes to achieve natural surveillance, good pedestrian access to facilities and an attractive relationship to open spaces , *and to maximise the potential for active and passive solar heating and energy generation.*

Design, layout and landscaping to safeguard the archaeological , *ecological, biodiversity* and heritage assets within and adjoining the development *and to minimise the visual impact of the development as seen from all points of the surrounding landscape.*

