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Please find attached Teversham Parish Council's response.

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Emerging Planning Policy (30 July 2024)

Points (a) and (d) addressing:

- the extent to which the proposed revisions to national planning policy, in particular as regards house building and green belt, are relevant to the determination of the Application; and*
- the weight that a decision-maker should attach to the proposed revisions i) while they remain in draft; and ii) in the event they become adopted national planning policy.*

Teversham Parish Council is concerned about the importance of maintaining a clear distinction between green belt, grey belt and brownfield sites. Honey Hill is agricultural land in green belt. By putting the water plant there, it and the surrounding area risk becoming grey belt and encouraging further housing on what was agricultural green belt. The argument has been put forward that it is just low-quality agricultural land, but nevertheless it is still productive and it becomes a subjective decision rather than one based on the protection afforded by the hitherto green belt status.

If the idea to move the water treatment site is to free up the existing site as a new brownfield site, by using a green belt site for infrastructure and not because the existing site needs to move for operational reasons, it does beg the question 'Why not just build the housing on Honey Hill?'. The reason is clear, in that it would be harder to get permission for housing on green belt.

It appears that there is a degree of creative accountancy taking place to use green belt to provide housing provision. This is disappointing because it introduces a lack of clarity and this is likely to be further obscured in the light of the Emerging Planning Policy.

This sets a dangerous precedent.

Teversham Parish Council Response (Submitted on behalf of Teversham Parish Council following the meeting of 4th November 2024 where their response was discussed.)

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