

## **Appendix 5 B**

### **Clavering Parish Council Meeting 08.09.25**

#### **Agenda Item 130.4**

#### **UDC Local Plan Mapping Errors**

At the last PC Meeting it was agreed that I would contact UDC to attempt to bring in correction/clarification of maps presented under the Local Plan.

Follows the last, relevant correspondence from UDC on the four main components:

#### **Quote**

##### ***Protected Lanes***

Although it is unfortunate that there are erroneous figures in the 2012 report documentation, we have been assured that the mapping used in the updated policies maps will be the most up to date - based on the assessments done in 2012.

##### ***Existing Employment Sites.***

Noted, the council is satisfied with the methodology utilised in the evidence base for existing employment sites.

##### ***Local Wildlife Sites***

As this is a technical designation made by Essex County Council further detail on it is provided on the Essex Wildlife trusts website <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/local-wildlife-sites>. This is not usually consulted on like other planning documentation by UDC, the policies map will just need to use the most up to date information available being the addendum referred to in our conversation.

##### ***Open Spaces / Registered Village Greens.***

For planning purposes, our assessment of open space is based on the land's **current use**, not its original agreement for potential use. This is in order to understand future need, although the land may have been initially intended for allotments, the Local Plan had to assess its function at the time the survey was undertaken.

This is something that the Neighbourhood Plan could set out if it would like to use the rest of the site as allotment space. If its use changes - a Local Plan review could also pick this up.

##### **Local Wildlife Sites**

*Ufd31 Scotts Pasture has been deleted in [Place Services' Local Wildlife Sites Review 2021](#) as the meadow has been incorporated within the garden of the adjacent property. No changes to the Policies Map required. It is expected that designations made by external bodies may be subject to changes over the plan period following the publication of the Policies Map.*

#### **Unquote**

My feeling is that UDC are loathe to make any changes, even to correct the maps, and the UDC Planning Officer has been relocated to help process all needed by the Inspectors to get the Local Plan adopted soonest. Personally I think that the matters should be pursued especially as Clavering lost a Wildlife Site on 2022 – with no referenced to the PC – and despite the Environment Act of 2021. Also Allotment Land is just that!! Not open Space for other recreation!!

As Clavering is writing a NP, I recommend that corrected maps continue to be pursued with UDC and also through the next comment stage.

***Cllr Stephanie Gill 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025***