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Local Plan News – October 2017

Dear Resident

The Inspector has provided information about his Examination of the NHDC Local Plan. The three key documents are:

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Timetable of Hearing Sessions](#)

[Matters and Issues](#) which the Inspector will be considering

The Parish Council will be providing an additional statement to the Inspector, and will request attendance at the Hearing. The Ickleford session is scheduled for Thursday 30 November, a.m., with Lower Stondon that afternoon. We have requested that both be considered at the same time – it was artificial of NHDC to consider the LS1 development separately as it lies within our parish. Irrespective of whether our request is granted, the timetable might slip – we will advise you if this happens.

Anyone who made a representation to the original consultation in November 2016 has the right to submit a further statement – although the Inspector notes that there is no need to do so if all the points have been covered in the original representation – and attend the hearings. The deadline for requesting the right to be heard at the Hearing is **Friday 20 October, 5pm**; the deadline for submission of statements relating to specific Ickleford and Lower Stondon matters is **Friday 3 November, 5pm**. To emphasise, this only applies if you responded to the original consultation, and the relevant contact details will be in the letter you should have received from the Inspector's office. It would be helpful if you would let us know if you request the right to be heard at the Hearing via email to mail@icklefordpc.com.

Our current thoughts are to submit an additional statement covering the following matters:

- Development in Green Belt
- Environmental objectives, e.g. loss of open spaces and wildlife habitats
- Sewerage and drainage
- Traffic
- Air and noise pollution
- The 'windfall' sites – i.e. Ickleford Manor and Bowman's developments which are not in the Plan
- NHDC's approach to the 'call for sites' for development
- The Infrastructure Delivery Plan

- The Sustainability Assessment
- Cumulative effects of all developments (in Ickleford and in adjacent villages in Bedfordshire)

If you believe there is anything else we should consider, **and** which is listed in the [Matters and Issues](#) document, please let me know as soon as possible and by 20 October at the latest: miles.maxwell@icklefordpc.com .

Our response will be formally adopted at the Parish Council meeting on 2 November, and we will make the document available to you as soon as possible afterwards.

All the hearing sessions will be held in the Icknield Centre, Letchworth, and are open to members of the public to hear what is being discussed. We think it is important for as many residents of Ickleford as possible to attend our session scheduled for Thursday 30 November to show the Inspector the strength of feeling that there is in our village.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miles Maxwell', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Miles Maxwell,
Chairman, Ickleford Parish Council