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Date: 16/10/2025

To: Ms S Brannon – RBC Head of Planning
Cc: Mr Hill, Cllr Mason

Re: Consultation on the East of Gamston/North of Tollerton Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document

Thank you for your letter of 3rd October; Tollerton Parish Council considers the reply letter wholly unsatisfactory and would request that this letter is considered an official complaint to be dealt with under RBC's Complaints Procedure.

Please consider and respond to the following points:

1. Your letter promised that all households would receive a leaflet about the consultation. We are now over one third through the already inadequate consultation period set by RBC and no leaflets have been received in the village. This gives considerable further evidence to the case that this will be an unlawful (*per Gunning Principles*) consultation as consultees are not being given adequate time to consider the matter in front of them. Please confirm when all households will have received this leaflet.
2. Given the SPD also includes a bespoke Design Code for the allocation, which was specifically excluded from the Rushcliffe-wide Design Code consulted on earlier in the year it would be good to understand why RBC thought that the borough-wide Design Code merited a six week consultation but the Tollerton/Gamston SPD and Design Code (ie, far more materials for the consultees to consider) only justifies five weeks for response. This again suggests a non-lawful consultation.
3. RBC's "Statement of Community Involvement for Planning Policy and Planning Applications" which you helpfully linked to in your letter requires that you consult with "Organisations representing local geographical, economic, social and other communities or other relevant interests" and "Local businesses, voluntary and other organisations". Please can you set out which bodies falling into those two groups you have consulted and how.
4. Also, in your Statement of Community Involvement you are required to, "... publicise consultations by methods such as leaflets, websites, posters, press releases, social media platforms, displays, working with existing community groups, attending community events and joint consultations". Please set out in detail against all of those communications channels what activities you have undertaken. The Parish Council is only aware of two press releases, an email and a social media post. A comparison to the marketing and communications activity undertaken to support the rollout of the purple-lidded glass recycling bins (a worthy but somewhat less material endeavour for residents of Tollerton) may be instructive.
5. The Statement of Community Involvement also requires that, "*After considering the responses to the draft we will consider the need for further consultation*". Please set out the timetable for consideration of the responses to the consultation; when they will be analysed, when a report will be prepared, when this will be considered, when a decision will be made on whether or not to undertake further consultation. The Council may wish to refer to Gunning Four: "conscientious consideration' must be given to the consultation responses before a decision is made".
6. Remaining in the Statement of Community Involvement, the section on 'Seldom Heard Groups' requires that RBC ensure that, "Resources will be directed towards those 'seldom heard groups' identified in Equality Assessments to ensure those affected by the plan have a chance to be involved and to ensure we meet our statutory obligations under equalities legislation". Please provide a copy of the EQIA undertaken in support of the development of the consultation plan for the SPD and set out how residents with protected characteristics under equalities legislation have been planned to be heard from.

7. Finally, residents have reported to us that they are unable to understand the accessible version displayed on the RBC website as it is missing basic information, such as keys, map explanations and plans are incomprehensible. Please could you provide timescales for when this version will be completed and how it's availability will then be communicated to concerned residents who cannot understand the document in its current state and are being prevented from making informed comments by RBC who have rushed out incomplete information.

We note that RBC Officers/Cllrs weren't willing to attend the Extra Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th October to address resident questions.

Tollerton Parish Council again makes it clear that we will consider all options should this unlawful approach to consultation continue, up to and including Judicial Review. Extending the consultation period, holding several high-profile meetings in the village and providing adequate information to residents are all that are required and the addition of these aspects cannot possibly prejudice the consultation, rather their absence has already generated considerable risk of prejudice for RBC.

Yours sincerely,

Tollerton Parish Council.

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