

Matter 6g – Severn Vale 3 sites – Local Sites Allocation Policies PS44, PS45 and PS46

This Hearing Statement has been prepared by **Frampton on Severn Parish Council** (FOSPC) in response to the Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions relating to the Stroud Local Plan Review examination.

This relates to Matter 6g - Severn Vale Site Allocations with reference to allocation PS44.

In March 2022, Frampton on Severn Parish Council objected to Outline Planning Application S.22/0285/OUT for the construction of up to 80 dwellings and ancillary works with all matters reserved except access on Land At Whitminster Lane Frampton On Severn. The outline planning application is pending determination.

Local Sites Allocation Policy PS44 Northwest of Whitminster Lane Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions

1. *The site is allocated for approximately 30 dwellings and open space use to provide an extension to Frampton-on-Severn.*
 - a. *What type and level of open space uses would be required or is this covered by other policies?*
 - b. *The policy lists three issues to be addressed which include incorporating the Public Right of Way into the development, the proximity of the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal and ensuring a high quality edge to Frampton. What specifically would the development be required to achieve; would the requirements be justified and are they viable? Should these be clearly set out within the policy?*
 - c. *Some of the representations raise concerns about other issues relating to the development of the site, including drainage and sewage infrastructure, the siting of the access and the availability of local services and facilities. Have such factors been suitably assessed as part of the process to allocate this site?*

FOSPC Response to question c

1. Recent flash flooding issues at far Lake Lane in January 2023 demonstrate that the current system has limitations, and so there is a real concern that the development, which directly contributes to the surface water run off which discharges through far Lake Lane, will make flooding in this area a regular occurrence.

2. The 20 to 25% increase in population, when added to the development of 19 properties currently being built at Lake Lane, and potentially 29 additional properties at Oatfield Yard, will have a significant impact on infant and junior school places at Frampton School, and on secondary school places. Pupils in this area struggle to get places at a catchment area school as it is, without this additional pressure.

3. Public transport in this village is poor, and the additional 20 to 25% increase in population will only make this worse. There needs to be a commitment from Stroud District Council that this will be addressed, and that more public transport will be made available going forward.