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Hi Ann

I've had a response from Intelligent Plans and Examinations (IPE) about the amendment to the neighbourhood area and the likely need for referendum.

They said that the Parish Council (and Local Planning Authority) will need to produce statements as part of their review process on the whether the changes are so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the neighbourhood plan. This will provide an opportunity for the Parish Council to set out the impact of any changes to the neighbourhood plan and this could cover the practical implications of the Plan area being extended. IPE feel that extending the neighbourhood area wouldn't necessarily require a referendum. They said if, for example, only one additional property was captured by a neighbourhood area extension it would seem completely disproportionate to require a referendum. Conversely, if the revised boundary drew in 250 properties, then the case for a referendum would seem much more compelling. So I think it will be up to the Parish Council and Local Planning Authority to make a judgement on whether a referendum is required (based on the change to the neighbourhood area and the changes to the policies) and to set this out in the statement. The examiner will then take the statements into account and make their own judgement.

IPE also recommend that the Parish Council notify directly the owners of those properties which fall within the amended area to alert them to the neighbourhood plan review and direct them to the opportunities to comment as the review plan progress. This might mitigate the risk of any party claiming they have been prejudiced by the process.

Kind regards

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