

Question - Sue Walling

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There appears to be a discrepancy in the Distribution of Development Background Paper which may influence you as Scrutiny Committee Members and Councillors when comparing the two sites, Woolfox and SGB.

Within the **Background paper: Distribution of the Development and summary assessment of Garden Community proposals - Appendix 2 - Extract from SA/SEA Technical Annex - site assessment for Woolfox and St George's Barracks**, it states that Woolfox is within an SSSI IRZ for all developments and SGB is not within an SSSI IRZ, yet, within the Sustainability Appraisal for the Rutland Local Plan 2016-2036 on page 21 - its clearly states that:

'It is important to note that areas within the boundaries of St George's Barracks and Woolfox also overlap with SSSI IRZs for one or more of the development types likely to be taken forward at these locations'.

For those that are unfamiliar with the term 'SSSI IRZ'- it relates to Impact Risk Zones around each SSSI according to the sensitivities of the features. They specify the types of development that have the potential to have adverse impacts at a given location

Has this discrepancy been noted by the Scrutiny Committee members and investigated? It is important that the sites are compared using accurately information before making any recommendations to Cabinet. Thank you.

Sue Walling

Response

Sue Walling is correct, St George's Barracks site does lie within the SSSI IRZ. There was a discrepancy in the St George's proforma in the Technical Annex regarding the Impact Risk Zone. Otherwise, having checked again, the references elsewhere in the SA reporting regarding this are correct and clearly acknowledge that St. George's Barracks is in an SSSI Impact Risk Zone. This is therefore relevant to the following three categories:

- Large non-residential developments outside existing settlements/urban areas where footprint exceeds 1ha.
- Residential development of 50 units or more.
- Any residential development of 50 or more houses outside existing settlements/urban areas.

I confirm that the Technical Annex will be updated prior to Regulation 19 consultation.