

Ilmington Parish Council

ILMINGTON AT RISK OF EXTRA 66/78 HOUSES FROM SDC'S SITE ALLOCATIONS PLAN (SAP)

Ilmington's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) completed its final consultation at the end of June and is now waiting processing by Stratford District Council. The Parish Council has been told this will take to the end of September. The proposed NDP will then go for Independent Examination. This is the final stage before parishioners are invited to vote on it. If they approve the Plan and it is "made", it will have a significant status with respect to future developments in the Parish.

In a parallel but separate process, SDC has issued for consultation their proposed "Site Allocations Plan" (SAP). This Plan covers the entire District. Its main purpose is to identify a reserve housing "buffer" of 20% of the 14,600 homes planned to be built across the district under SDC's Core Strategy. The entire SAP document can be accessed electronically at the following:

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/site-allocations-plan.cfm>

The Parish Council has undertaken a review of this document with regard to its implications for Ilmington. Regrettably, this has determined that it takes no account of the expressed wishes of our community. A copy of the Parish Council's response to SDC can be found at:

<http://www.ilmington.org.uk/downloads/ilmington.pdf>

The principal areas of concern are summarised below. If you share these concerns, it is vital that you register your feedback to influence SDC to amend their Plan appropriately. The means of so doing are described at the end of this document.

Principal Areas of Concern for us in Ilmington

Status of Ilmington's NDP

Our NDP is at what is defined as an "advanced stage". It should be given due consideration within the SAP, which is not the case. Alternatively, Ilmington should be omitted from the SAP altogether.

Numbers provided by "Reserve Sites"

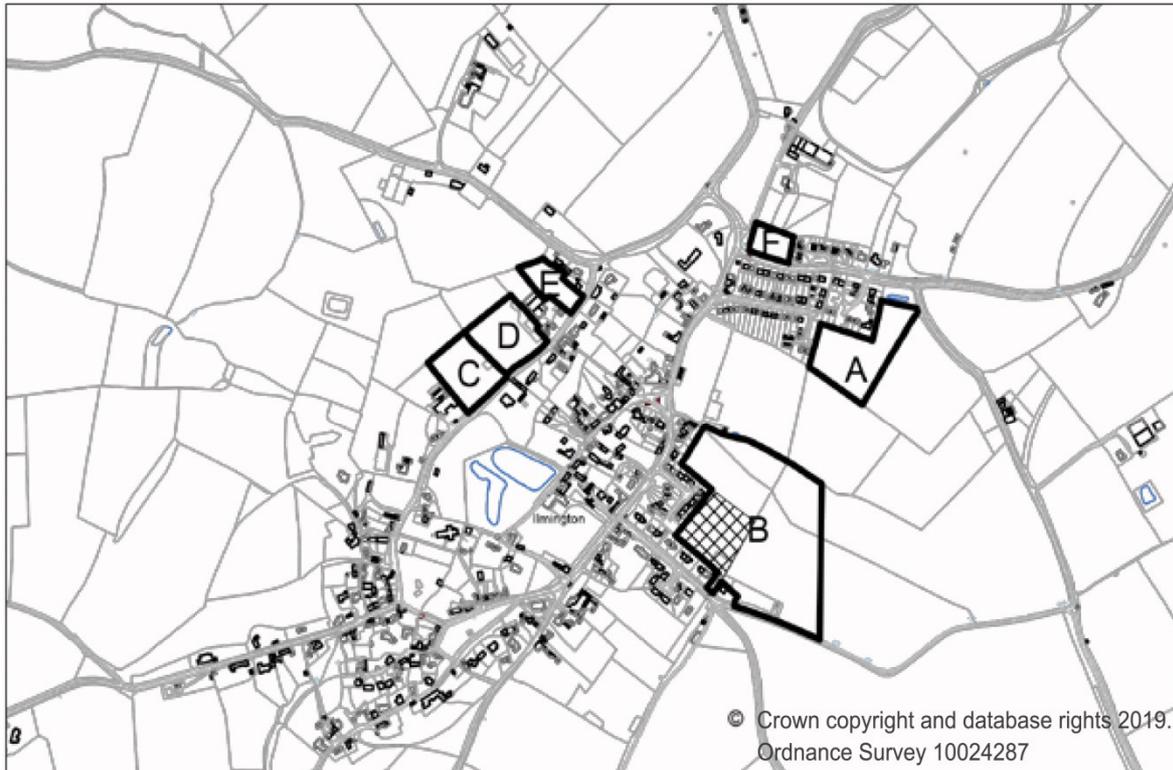
The total number of dwellings for Ilmington in the SAP is either 66 or 78 dependent on the housing density factor used. This would be more than double the numbers that SDC's Core Strategy suggests our type of village should plan for. The twenty per cent required would be more like 12 dwellings.

Housing Density

The development density used in the proposed SAP is either 30 or 35 dwellings per hectare. These are urban densities and take no account of Ilmington's rural nature or settlement pattern. They are 50% higher than our densest development at Bennett Place and nearly double that of Wilkins Way.

Reserve Sites

The sites proposed within our NDP were arrived at after extensive research, public consultation and independent assessment. The “Reserve Sites” proposed in the SAP are shown on the plan below. Sites E and F are included in our NDP for housing and Site D as a reserve site. However, sites A, B and C, included in the SAP, were rejected for strategic or reserve housing allocation in our NDP.



SDC’s Proposed Reserve Housing Sites for Ilmington

How you can express your views

SDC describe the process at: www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/site-allocations-plan.cfm
They require representations to be submitted on the prescribed forms. They encourage you to do this online by using the interactive representations form at: www.stratford.gov.uk/siteallocations
OR by downloading a form and emailing it to: policy.consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk
Alternatively, you can print off and complete a form and post it or deliver it in person to the Council offices at Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX.

If you share the Parish Council’s concerns, you may wish to use a response form that has already been partially completed in the technical areas. A copy is available on request from the Parish Clerk at: ilmingtonpc@outlook.com, from any parish councillor or from the Community Shop. Please read through the form and if you agree with the statements made, complete it with your personal details, sign it and return it to SDC. Your response is vital if SDC are to take note.

