Response of Middleton St George Parish Council to initial questions from examiner – 8 March 2022

1. Would the LPA confirm that there are no other neighbourhood plans covering the designated neighbourhood plan area.

DBC to respond.

2. It is noted that the SEA and HRA Screening Opinions were carried out in March 2020 on an early unpublished version of the MSGNP. Would the LPA confirm that there have been no significant changes to the plan since the early draft that would necessitate a review of the Screening Opinions.

DBC to respond.

3. The response from Natural England dated May 2020 in the Basic Conditions Statement stated that they noted that the HRA Screening Opinion had not been carried out. Their response to the consultation on the Submission Plan refers to the SEA screening but not the HRA screening opinion. Would the LPA confirm that Natural England were consulted on the completed HRA screening opinion and provide me with their response.

DBC to respond.

4. Would the QB provide me with any comments they wish to make on the representations.

See separate document attached.

5. Would the QB confirm that the representation from Bill Pike relates to POS9.

Yes, it is understood that the representation from Bill Pike, representing Middle Oak Management, relates to POS09.

6. Would the QB confirm whether or not they have assessed the areas of land in the representation from Mark Stratford.

Yes – see Local Green Space and Protected Open Space Background Paper – initial list of sites considered. It is understood that the sites referred to are sites 12 and 13 – shown on the map in appendix 1.

7. Would the LPA confirm the number of houses outstanding as commitments and on the allocated site. Is there sufficient to deliver the housing requirement of 860? If not, how is it to be provided. Would the LPA provide me with a map to show the housing commitments and Local Plan allocation.

DBC to respond.

8. Would the LPA confirm the timetable for updating their SPD on Design.

DBC to respond.