

Post_title: 33: Amber Hill

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Please consider land for residential development at Amber Hill and inclusion in the above Local Plan. The location is to the west of Sutterton Drove between Charnwood House and 22 Sutterton Drove, PE20 3RQ. See enclosed Inset map No. 33.
Description. - Land type grade 2. - Size.... 41 mtrs x 99 mtrs approx. - Accessof Sutteton Drove. - Inside 30mph limit. - Availability....immediate and accessible. - Owners....registered to RB and JE Gadd.
We consider the proposal will enhance the hamlet of Amber Hill and not have adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the area. It is logical infill between existing dwellings. Amber Hill's previous approved development in 2003 has proved very popular with house buyers.

Officer Comment:

This site has been registered as Amb002. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) identifies this land as being undevelopable due to conflict with the emerging Plan's locational strategy.

Officer Recommendation:

Site Amb002 should not be taken forward as a Preferred Housing Site.

ID1: 1671 comment_author: Vinci Mouchel Ltd

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Former Amber Hill Toftstead School
This school closed in 2010 and the site and buildings have been disused ever since. Consideration since its closure has been given to possible business uses but the location is considered too remote with limited amenities in the village and access is limited. LCC would like the overall site to be considered for housing with emphasis being placed on the provision of affordable homes. The school buildings are different ages with the front building being a reasonably attractive traditional Victorian school building attached to the former school house which has been sold off and is now in private ownership. This building offers potential for a sympathetic conversion to provide housing. The rear building is a more recent building and offers potential for educational and possibly commercial uses but its location would more appropriately suit residential development. Accordingly it is our view that this site should be considered appropriate for housing allocation and would represent a significant and valuable contribution to meeting local housing need in the area. The development of the site could also provide a significant provision of affordable homes in accordance with the requirements of proposed Policy 15: Affordable Housing and developer contribution in accordance with proposed Policy 6: Developer Contributions. The overall site area is about 0.76ha.

Officer Comment:

This site has been registered as Amb001. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) identifies this land as being undevelopable due to conflict with the emerging Plan's locational strategy, and impacts on infrastructure (loss of recreational open space).

Officer Recommendation:

Site Amb001 should not be taken forward as a Preferred Housing Site.