



Kirdford Parish Council

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

Additional evidence and implications for the case of Kirdford Parish Council

The additional evidence, based on a revised modelling of the combined undefended and defended scenarios of flood risk, demonstrate that the geographical area affected by flood risk in the Manhood Peninsula is larger than initially thought by the Council.

This has led the Council to reiterate the validity of their spatial strategy and the allocations in the submission Local Plan, which limit the amount of development in the Manhood Peninsula regardless of sustainability reasons, increasing parish housing requirements in the North Plan Area (including Kirdford) unacceptably.

Kirdford Parish Council remains of the same position, objecting to the proposed spatial strategy and housing numbers for Kirdford, as explained in our representations. The recently submitted flood risk evidence should not be used to justify the proposed number of homes in Kirdford, but towards sustainable locations, along the A27 corridor.

Clearly, Kirdford is not in a suitable location to accommodate more housing, especially housing that should be met locally in the Manhood Peninsula. Whilst the Council states that it will continue considering how the Manhood Peninsula housing needs could be addressed in a Site Allocation DPD and future Local Plan, this only highlights the lack of a robust and sustainable spatial strategy in the submitted Local Plan. We invite the Inspectors to review our previous representations and hearing statements about the spatial strategy as they explain why Kirdford is not a suitable location for the amount of development proposed. The recent flood risk evidence should not be the justification for directing development to unsustainable locations in the North Plan Area.