



Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Case Study – Power of NP - Edgehill

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1. Javid refuses Warwickshire scheme over development plan clashes

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A 90-home development on a four-hectare site in Warwickshire has been refused outline planning permission by the Communities Secretary...

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid has agreed with the recommendation of a planning inspector and refused outline permission for 90 homes in Warwickshire near the site of the Battle of Edgehill.

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The scheme, 35 per cent of whose housing would be affordable, was recovered for determination by the Secretary of State because it was in area with an emerging neighbourhood plan.

Javid's decision letter made it clear he agreed with the inspector that the "appeal proposal would not be assimilated into the landscape; it would be evident as a somewhat isolated block of development providing an uncharacteristically straight line to the edge of the settlement."

He agreed that the proposal would be "incongruous, intrusive and damaging to the character of the settlement and the surrounding landscape", contrary to the aims of the recently adopted core strategy.

3. Role of the Neighbourhood Plan

The Secretary of State concluded that the scheme was neither in accordance with the development plan nor the emerging neighbourhood plan. Although it would mean new housing, Javid gave "significant weight" to the fact it would cause "permanent and prominent environmental damage to the character of the countryside and the settlement".