

Stoke Golding Development Strategy 2016-36

- HBBC is currently unable to provide an indicative minimum housing target for the parishes, including Stoke Golding.
- Leicestershire's Strategic Growth Plan has a minimum housing requirement for 2011-36 of 454 dwellings pa for HBBC. This target is almost the same as the 450 pa in the current HBBC Local Plan Core Strategy (2006-26).
- The current Core Strategy sets a minimum housing allocation for Stoke Golding of 3 dwellings pa. Given the overall HBBC housing targets are virtually unaltered, we proposed to continue allocating the same level of housing growth for Stoke Golding. At a minimum of 3 dwellings pa for the 20 years (2016-36) this equates to a minimum of 60 dwellings.
- This minimum allocation has already been met (and substantially exceeded) by the Morris Homes development. This amounts to 83 dwellings. In addition, a further 8 dwellings have been built or committed since April 2016 as windfall developments.
- On this basis the PC and the NP AC did not consider there is a planning requirement for Stoke Golding to allocate additional housing sites. However, the PC and NP AC did consider that allocation of 1 or more sites to provide around 25 further dwellings would be appropriate to meet village requirements for the period 2016-36.
- Concerning the size of sites, the Household Survey results showed a strong preference for future sites to be limited to a maximum size of 25 dwellings to avoid the creation of more housing estates in or around the village.
- Colin drafted a paper, the "Stoke Golding Housing Provision", to express these requirements. This was endorsed by the PC and the NP AC and then submitted in April to HBBC.
- HBBC responded in May. They acknowledged the current target was 60 homes and also that the level of development in Stoke Golding in recent years has been high. However, they also felt the village could sustain further levels of development and that it was likely therefore they would seek more than the 25 additional homes we were proposing in the coming Local Plan. They suggested we build appropriate flexibility into our NP while repeating it was not possible for HBBC to set a figure at this time.
- Colin suggested we could add this flexibility to our NP by including 1 (or more) reserve sites. This would show our preferred strategy while allowing for other sites to be allocated.