

RURAL VILLAGES

HIGHAM ON THE HILL: SITES

- 8.10 In relation to site allocations for Higham on the Hill, the Hinckley and Bosworth Core Strategy requires:
- Land to be allocated for a minimum of 40 dwellings;
 - Address the existing deficiencies in the quality and quantity of green spaces; and
 - Resist the loss of local shops and facilities.
- 8.11 The residual minimum housing requirement for Higham on the Hill, as of 1 September 2014 has been met and as such no additional sites are required to be allocated for residential development in Higham on the Hill. Further information on residential commitments can be found in the Site Selection Justification Paper.
- 8.12 Ecological information as of 1 September 2014, identified the previously allocated site HIG02: Land to the rear of The Oddfellows Arms Public House, Main Street as having significant ecological constraints. The allocation of this site for residential development is therefore not considered a sustainable option for further residential growth above the already permitted minimum housing requirement.
- 8.13 The Open Space, Sports and Recreational Facilities Study identifies open space across the borough and indicates any deficiencies in the quality, quantity and accessibility of green spaces. This evidence has resulted in a significant increase in allocated open spaces to be safeguarded under Policy DM8 compared to the 2001 Local Plan. Identified deficiencies will be addressed through the plan period primarily through developer open space contributions.
- 8.14 Higham on the Hill's local shop has been identified in the District, Local and Neighbourhood Centre Review (February 2012) for safeguarding and enhancement through Policy DM22. The village also has a number of congregational community facilities which should be safeguarded to maintain community cohesion. This is achieved through their identification as community facilities and their protection through Policy DM25.
- 8.15 In line with Core Strategy Policy 12: Rural Villages, the following allocations and designations are made for Higham on the Hill.