

South Milton Neighbourhood Plan Modification Proposal Consultation

South Milton Parish Council (SMPC) propose to modify the 'Made 2019' South Milton Neighbourhood Plan (SMNP). This modification relates solely to the addition of Policy H5: Principal Residency Requirement, and minor amendments to existing Policies H1 and H4 to make them consistent with Policy H5.

In the opinion of the Parish Council, this modification is necessary to control the growth second homes in the parish but will not change the nature of the SMNP. The modification is required as the proportion of second homes has grown by 10% from 31% to 34% between 2015 and 2022 and unchecked growth could affect the economic and social wellbeing of the community.

SMPC do not consider that the proposed modification will have any impact on the intentions of the Plan and in fact will provide additional security to enable the Plan to deliver on its requirement for more local housing and less second homes. SMPC voted unanimously to approve the modification at a council meeting on 24 January 2022.

SMPC consulted on the Modification Proposal between **09.00 on Monday 7 March 2022 and 18.00 on Monday 18 April 2022.**

Views were received within this period either electronically by the Parish Clerk at south.milton@gmail.com or in paper format addressed to Parish Clerk, C/O 169 Cumber Close, Malborough, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 3DE.

The Modification Consultation Statement was available in the Planning Information section of the SMPC website - <http://www.southmiltonparishcouncil.uk>. Paper copies were available at the Village Hall.

The modification proposal was reviewed by the SMPC following the Reg.14 consultation and assessment of all the representations made. The SMPC reaffirmed unanimously its opinion that the modification was not significant or substantial and would not have any impact on the nature or intentions of the Plan. The SMPC also considered that the inclusion of a Principal Residency policy would support the wishes of the majority of residents and would reinforce the aspirations of the Plan by providing for housing that would be occupied throughout the year, thus supporting community vibrancy and sustainability.

*Paul Booker
Chairman
South Milton Parish Council
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