

## WASHFORD

### 10.76. PARA. 10.18.7.

#### Objection

1052	Old Cleeve Parish Council
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#### Issue

The outdatedness of the factual description of employment in the settlement.

#### Inspector's reasoning and conclusions

PC299 suitably updates the first sentence of paragraph 10.18.7 and no further modification is needed.

#### 10.76.1. RECOMMENDATION

**I recommend that the Plan be modified by PC299.**

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### 10.77. SETTLEMENT MAP NO 18

#### Objections

178	Council for the Protection of Rural England
1055	Old Cleeve Parish Council
1056	Old Cleeve Parish Council

#### Issue

Whether land should be defined as amenity open space

- (i) adjoining the Washford River behind the Memorial Hall.
- (ii) at Putt Hills.

#### Inspector's reasoning and conclusions

##### Issue (i)

I agree that land immediately south of the Washford Memorial Hall satisfies the criteria of Open Space - Amenity in paragraph 8.2.21 of the Plan and should be so identified on the Settlement Map. However, the wider tract of land further south adjoining the Washford River consists of overgrown garden and paddock areas. In the light of Policy R/5 as amended by PC224 I consider its state makes it unsuitable to define it in the same way.

##### Issue (ii)

The Amenity Space at Putt Hills Copse proposed in objection 1055 is stated to be walked by residents. However, it has been defined as a County Wildlife Site and enjoys protection under

Policy NC/2 and PC45. In the circumstances I consider that to be the overriding status of the site and in the interest of avoiding conflict between its functions it should not be identified as Open Space - Amenity.

### **10.77.1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**I recommend that:**

- (i) Land immediately south of Washford Memorial Hall be shown as Amenity Open Space on Settlement Map 18;**
- (ii) No modification be made in response to objection 178 in respect of the overgrown garden and paddock areas adjoining the Washford River;**

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### **10.78. WASHFORD - OMISSION**

**Objection**

764	Environment Agency-South West Region
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**Issue**

Whether development should be permissible in the flood plain at Washford

#### **Inspector's reasoning and conclusions**

I bear in mind that the EA is a consultative body in respect of applications for planning permission, Policies W/7, changed by PC70, and W/8, changed by PC74, together with the insertion of floodplain boundaries by PC71 accord with national policy in paragraphs 21 and 22 of PPG25. In my view they afford adequate control of development affecting floodplains. In that context I find no compelling reason to provide specific text on these issues in relation to Washford

#### **10.78.1. RECOMMENDATION**

**I recommend that no modification be made in response to objection 764.**