

MATTER 9 BASSETLAW LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

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9.1 Yes but please see comments on ST13.

9.2(a)

Language is key. Everton is currently one of 20 Rural Service CENTRES spread evenly throughout the District. ST13.4 states:

“Local Centres will provide a focus for essential community services and small-scale retail facilities to meet day-to-day needs, thereby supporting the wellbeing of local people”

DESPITE the proposed downgrade to “small village” status, Everton complies with the above definition via Farm Shop selling essentials, 2 x pubs, 2 x café’s, village hall, hairdresser/beautician, primary school, sports facilities, offices. But, we would like to provide more services on our A631 frontage. This is because Everton, as the only un-bypassed settlement in the 12 miles between Gainsborough (Lincs) in the east and Bawtry (Yorks) in the west, acts as an *intra county* Service Centre for the people/Goods commuting across the Trent for:

- A. Work
- B. Services
- C. Holidays to/from the coast

This means that when the A631 was shut for a month at Bawtry recently (to effect repairs to the East Coast Mainline Bridge), the Farm Shop and Café suffered – ditto other services in the village. In this context para 86(f) NPPF is vital because Everton Services (including the school), are over-reliant on the A631:

“Planning policies/decisions should recognise that residential development often plays an important role in ensuring the vitality of centres and encourage residential development on appropriate sites”

9.2(c)

No. Raise them (para89 NPPF). What if we wish to change our shed to a Premier Inn for example?

There is a problem with ST13.7 if Rural Service CENTRES continue to be downgraded to Small Villages.

We feel very strongly that existing Rural Service Centres should remain within the settlement and therefore, retail and visitor economy, hierarchy.

Otherwise, the wording of ST13.7 will have to change – “within a suitable and available settlement or edge of settlement location”

9.2(d)

The problem with DEMOTING Everton from its current status as a Rural Service CENTRE, to that of a Small Village is that ST13.9 protects current services but does not allow for new ones. We need a better shop/Convenience Store, Dentist, fast food chain etc.

Thank you for listening – We absolutely do not believe that the Neighbourhood Plan will allow for sufficient growth without leadership from above.....

