Thank you for consulting me about the local plan. I’m afraid I found your electronic form at over 150 pages to be beyond my capabilities to complete. A cynic might say that it has been designed to prevent comment! The NFU has four comments on the latest stage of the plan:

Paragraph 4.5.2. We support this paragraph on conversions in the countryside.
Policy EMP6. We support this policy which encourages farm diversification.
Policy NE1. Major development within 3kms of the SPA could clearly have an effect on it. However, isolated conversions and single pieces of development, one new house or a barn, will have no significant effect on the SPA and therefore should not have to go through the rigmarole of demonstrating there will be no significant impact. To use such a procedure would just be a measure to discourage small scale development in the area.
Paragraph 11.3.4. We completely disagree with the Council listing development it does not like to see in the SLAs. Garden centres, camping and caravan sites and intensive livestock units could easily be small enough or sufficiently well screened to not be an issue in the SLAs. This paragraph creates a blanket no development policy for these businesses which is against the spirit of the NPPF. The last sentence of this paragraph needs to be removed.

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