

# **Kirklees Local Plan**

## **Note from the Inspector to the Council**

**24 November 2017**

### Interim views

1. Thank you for your letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017, responding to my interim views following the Stage 1 hearings. I have noted its contents and the Council's positive position towards potential modifications that may be needed to address soundness issues.

### Urban Green Spaces

2. I can confirm that I would welcome further information on all natural/semi-natural green spaces which have been designated as Urban Green Spaces. Could I request that the Council produces a list of such sites linked to an overview of the open space assessment results, summary of reason for their designation/protection, and a map base (potentially by settlement). Policy PLP 61 also appears to extend protection to other small/large natural/semi-natural green spaces which are not designated as Urban Green Space, but which are recommended for retention as open space in the Open Space Assessment. On this basis such sites should also be included in the requested list and maps.
3. It would be useful if this document could be published prior to the deadline for receipt of the Stage 4 hearing statements, in order to allow representors an opportunity to take account of its contents. The Council is requested to advise on a date for its publication.

### Stage 3 hearings

4. I have enclosed an updated Hearings Programme which incorporates slight alterations in the timetable for the Stage 3 hearings. If you have any comments on the amended timings, please contact me via the Programme Officer as soon as possible. It would be appreciated if you could place the document on the Council's examination webpage and notify participants.
5. I have also attached the detailed agenda for Day 1. I will aim to publish more detailed agendas early next week (w/c 27 November 2017). Again, these will need to be uploaded to the Council's webpage as soon as possible.
6. I have also enclosed an updated 'Examination Guidance Note' which will need to be placed on the Council's examination webpage (replacing the current version).
7. The hearing statement submitted by Highways England highlights a number of highway infrastructure delivery and funding matters that I would like to explore further. I have therefore requested that a representative from Highways England attends the hearing session on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The Council should note that, in particular, I will wish to examine what implications the delay to the M62/M606 Chain Bar scheme may have on the delivery of development schemes and growth in Kirklees.

## Stage 4 hearings

8. The provisional order for the Stage 4 hearings is set out in the updated Hearings Programme. Once the dates and hearing venues have been finalised, this information will need to be added to the programme.
9. For the Stage 4 hearings I will require a joint Statement of Common Ground/position statement to be prepared by the Council and Historic England. This should set out a schedule of proposed allocations where heritage assets are present, with details of completed HIA work, and the position of both parties with respect to likely effects/outcomes and whether proposed modifications to the Plan are necessary. It should cover areas of difference between the two parties, as well as areas of common ground. It would be appreciated if you could liaise with Historic England and confirm this is acceptable to both parties. The statement would be required by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
10. The MIQs for Stage 4 are due to be published on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018. At that stage I will confirm whether further Statements of Common Ground would be helpful.

## Printed copies of documents

11. Thank you for providing me with printed copies of the documents which have, to date, been added to the examination library following my requests at the Stage 1 hearings (in section 13). Could I remind the Council that I will need to receive printed copies of further documents as they are published.
12. Could I request printed copies of the following documents by 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017, to be supplied to me either via the Programme Officer or at the first day of the Stage 3 hearing sessions:
  - Landscape Guidance for Wind Turbines (2013) (LE54)
  - South Pennines Wind Energy Landscape Study 92014) (LE57)
  - Kirklees Local Air Quality Strategy (2007) (LE116)
  - Kirklees Air Quality Action Plan (2008) (LE117)
  - Kirklees Air Quality Assessment (LE118)
13. I do not have hard copies of documents from the Council's examination library which relate to specific sites (Stage 4). Whilst in some cases I am content to rely on electronic copies, I would find it useful to obtain the following printed copies from you as soon as possible:
  - Castle Hill Setting Study (2014) (LE63)
  - Heritage Impact Assessments, documents LE67 and LE69 to LE99 inclusive
  - Open Space Assessment – site results and maps [not currently in the examination library]
  - Kirklees Built Leisure and Sports Facilities Strategic Framework: Golf Needs (2015) (LE123)
  - Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan (2015) (LE124)
  - Kirklees Playing Pitch Addendum (LE125)
  - Landscape Character Assessments, documents LE128 to LE136 inclusive
  - Kirklees Local Plan Sites by Highways England (LE141)
  - Landowner position statement, land north of Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor (SS1)

- Bradley housing allocation H1747 (SS2)
  - Masterplan delivery statement (phase 2)
  - Masterplan Stage Two report, preferred urban design approach
  - Transport and access appraisal
  - Kirklees Golf Needs Assessment
  - Sport and Physical Activity Development teamletter to golf clubs
  - Schematic transport plan
  - Smith Leisure golf options report
  - Golf course report
  - Comparison of existing and future sports provision
- Clayton West employment allocation E23333a rep and supporting information (SS3)
- Cooper Bridge employment allocation E1832c (SS4)
  - Existing landscape constraints
  - FAS heritage appraisal (2012)
  - FAS heritage appraisal (2017)
  - Landscape sensitivity plan
  - Phasing plan
  - Delivery statement
  - Masterplan
- Merchant Fields housing allocation H69 (SS6)
  - Masterplan
  - Landscape and visual assessment
- North Bierley WWTW employment allocation E1985a (SS7)
  - Parameters plan
  - Planning statement
  - Site plan
- Roberttown Lane housing allocation H442 (SS8)
  - Green Belt analysis
  - Built form concept masterplan
  - Land use framework
  - Movement framework
  - Parameters plan
  - Place making framework
  - Landscape and visual impact assessment
- Lepton housing allocations H2684 and H2830a (SS9)
  - Amended indicative masterplan Rowley Lane (2016)
  - Transport Addendum Rowley Lane (2016)
  - Indicative masterplan Penistone Road (2016)
  - Transport Assessment Penistone Road (2016)
- Storthes Hall MDGB2134 illustrative masterplan (SS10)
- Whitehall Road employment allocation E1831 (SS11)
  - Landscape character assessment
  - Masterplan features
  - Opportunities and constraints
  - Proposed Masterplan
  - Transport and access appraisal
- Chidswell mixed use allocation MX1905 (SS13)
  - Masterplan
  - Interim traffic assessment
  - Accessibility technical note
  - Delivery statement
  - Appraisal of proposed southern allocation boundary

- Dewsbury Riverside housing allocation H2089 (SS14)
  - High Level Delivery Statement
  - Masterplan April 2017
  - Access Statement Technical Note 2017
- Land east of Leeds Road, Chidswell H559 (SS15)
  - Masterplan
  - Landscape and visual statement and GB assessment (2016)
  - Addendum to landscape and visual statement and GB assessment (2017)

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the Programme Officer.

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INSPECTOR