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NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

INITIAL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS TO THE COUNCIL FROM THE INSPECTOR

Pending the publication of a programme of hearings and matters to be discussed, the Council is asked to answer the questions and to note and respond as appropriate to the comments below, which arise from an initial reading of the Examination documents.

Potential Modifications

Doc LP/03 - M4

1. I suggest this should be a Main Modification (MM) as it relates to the soundness issue of how and when a review would be triggered.
2. The timescale seems vague – ie should it be 'within 12 months of the new evidence being published'? (*without prejudice*)

Doc LP/03 – M10

3. I suggest that the proposal to substantially increase the housing capacity of Money Hill should be a MM, representing a significant change to housing supply and potential development impact.

Doc EX/03 – Policy S3

4. The suggested minor change to Policy S3 does not appear to have been included in the Minor Mods Schedule LP/03.

Doc EX/03 – Chap 3 – Minerals Safeguarding

5. The reference in Plan para 3.1 last bullet seems to imply that there should be a safeguarding policy in this Plan. Should this be clarified in the terms of the Council response to the representation?

MMs General

6. MMs will, as far as possible, be discussed in oral sessions and any necessary further consultation can run parallel with reporting, so need not hold up the examination significantly overall.

Money Hill

7. This major allocation seems only to be referred to as 'Money Hill' in Policy Ec2 and not in Policy H3a. I suggest this is confusing to an unfamiliar reader and suggest this nomenclature should be clarified.

Plan Para 6.13 and Policy D1

8. I suggest the cross-reference to SPD, external to this this Plan and not for examination, is inappropriate.

Plan Para 7.2 and Table 2

9. Will a housing provision update be required or available before reporting and adoption?

Self-Assessment – Pins Procedural Guide ('Gold Book') – June 2016

10. Has the Council undertaken a Self-Assessment of the soundness and legal compliance of the Plan as per Pins/PAS Guidance – Gold Book para 1.12 first bullet and footnote 6?
11. If not, the Council asked to confirm separately the relevant compliance points listed at para 3.21 as the alternative.

Housing Trajectory and Supply

12. To assist the Examination with respect to housing delivery, land supply and five year supply, the Council is asked to consider providing a detailed site by site table of permitted, resolved and allocated sites showing their deliverability potential year on year.

Omission Sites

13. There will be no oral sessions for Omission sites. Therefore, in the interest of a fair hearing of all duly made objections, the Council will be asked, in conjunction with the Programme Officer, to identify all Omission sites and related representations and redirect them, according to their terms and content, to the appropriate main matters for discussion, such as housing requirement/supply/strategy.

B J Sims

Inspector

3 November 2016