

## North West Leicestershire Local Plan – Publication of Modifications

### Statement of Representations Procedure Notice



### The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

The North West Leicestershire Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination in October 2016. Following the Examination hearing sessions held in January and March 2017, Mr Brian Sims BSc CEng MICE MRTPI, the Independent Planning Inspector appointed on behalf of the Secretary of State, has requested that the Council now undertake consultation on a number of **Main Modifications** (EX/101) required to make the Plan sound in the light of new documentary evidence provided since the Plan was submitted for examination. This is without prejudice to the Inspector's ultimate conclusions and recommendations on the Plan and whether there will be any further hearings after the public consultation.

The Main Modifications set out a series of changes we believe are required to resolve issues that make the Local Plan unsound or where it is not legally compliant. These generally involve changes or insertions to policies and text that are essential to enable the Plan to be adopted.

We have also published a number of revised **Policies Maps** (EX/103) that have required amending as a result of a Main Modification.

The new documentary evidence comprises:

Two **Sustainability Appraisal Reports** - A Sustainability Appraisal Addendum Report (June 2017) (EX/102) which has been produced to reflect the proposed Main Modifications, as well as the Sustainability Appraisal Update produced in December 2016 (EX/37-38).

Those aspects of the **Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA)**, published in January 2017, which relate directly to North West Leicestershire and our Local Plan (EX/65-67).

**Other new documents and evidence** produced by the Council which have not yet been subject to consultation. This includes evidence produced since the submission of the Local Plan in October 2016 and other documents, including Position Statements, submitted after the Examination Hearing dates in March 2017.

At the close of the consultation, the Council will assess all comments received and set out its response to each one. All comments received, and the Council's responses, will then be forwarded to the Inspector, who will take them into account before he completes his report.

In addition, the Council is also now consulting on **additional Modifications** – these are modifications of a more minor nature and which do not materially affect the policies set out in the Local Plan (e.g. relating to points of clarity, factual updates, correcting typographical or grammatical errors). They will not be considered by the Inspector as they are not relevant to his report, but the Council will consider the responses.

**Please note – the consultation is limited to the MMs and the documents listed above only and this is not an opportunity to comment on other aspects of the Local Plan.**

If you submitted comments on previous versions of the Local Plan, the Inspector has considered these during the examination and there is no need to make these again.

### **Where You Can View the Consultation Documents**

All of the consultation documents are available for inspection on the Council's website at [www.nwleics.gov.uk/localplanmysay](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/localplanmysay)

Paper copies of the Main Modifications and Additional Modifications documents will also be available for inspection throughout the consultation period at all libraries in North West Leicestershire (the other documents can be viewed online in libraries). A copy is also available at the Council Offices: Whitwick Road, Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 3FJ (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8.45am to 5pm, Thursday 9.30am to 5pm).

### **How to Make Representations**

You can submit comments on any of the MMs and documents identified above by using our [online consultation page](#) on the Council website.

Alternatively, you can download a response form in MS Word format from the website and email it to [planning.policy@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@nwleicestershire.gov.uk).

You can also submit paper copies of the response form to: Planning Policy, North West Leicestershire District Council, Whitwick Road, Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 3FJ. Please note responses should be returned to the Planning Policy Team and not the Programme Officer.

### **Deadline for responses**

The consultation period starts on 12 June 2017 and runs for 6 weeks. All representations need to be received by the Council no later than **24 July 2017**.

### **Notification of Inspector's Report/Adoption**

Any representation may be accompanied by a request to be notified when a) the report of the Inspector is published, and b) the Local Plan has been adopted.