Agenda Session 12 – 09.30 Tuesday 11 June Matters 9 and 8

Generic Policies of the Plan and Minerals and Waste

The purpose of this session is to examine the generic policies of the Plan not considered elsewhere and the Plan's Minerals and Waste policies.

The Council has clarified that the requirement for masterplans and design codes (Policy BH1) applies to developments over 250 dwellings. Policy NE2 (Biodiversity) is to be modified to ensure greater distinction between the hierarchy of nature conservation sites. Policy NE3 (Woodlands/Trees) is to be modified by the deletion of Criterion 1.

In terms of minerals and waste policies, Section 2 of Policy SP11 (Mineral Extraction) is to be removed. Policy WWE8 (Safeguarding Waste Facilities) is to be modified to take into account non-waste development close to waste facilities. Minerals Safeguarding Areas and Minerals Infrastructure are to be included in the interactive version of the Policies Map.

Proposed Main Modifications MM29, 31-37, 39-42, 42 and 44 are relevant to this session.

Matter 9 – Generic Policies

Issues

1. Health Impact Assessments

1.1 Is the requirement for a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) (Policy SP7) for developments of more than 100 dwellings or 100 student bedspaces justified and consistent with national policy?

1.2 Is a HIA always needed when an Environmental Impact Assessment is required?

2. Design Quality

2.1 Are the requirements for good design within Policy BH1 (Design Quality) positively prepared and consistent with national policy (particularly criteria 8, 10 and 13 and the requirement for masterplans and design codes for larger scale developments)? The Council refers to paragraphs 17, 57, 58 and 59 of the Framework. MM29 clarifies the meaning of 'large scale developments' in the context of masterplans.

3. Heritage Assets

3.1 Are Policies BH8 (Heritage Assets) and BH9 (Archaeology), as proposed to be modified, consistent with national policy in respect of non-designated heritage assets and assets of archaeological interest?

MM31 and 32 are relevant. The Council also refer to the Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) with Historic England.

4. Green Infrastructure (GI)

4.1 Are the requirements for GI corridors within Policy NE1 (GI) reflective of a positively prepared policy that is consistent with national policy?

The Council refers to the Framework (para 114) and support from statutory bodies and local organisations and residents.

5. Biodiversity

5.1 Does Policy NE2 (Biodiversity and Geodiversity), as proposed to be modified, ensure sufficient distinction between the hierarchy of nature conservation sites? MM34 is relevant.

Matter 8 – Minerals and Waste Policies

Issues

1. Consistency with national policy

1.1 Whether the Minerals and Waste policies of the Plan are positively prepared and consistent with national policy?

MM42 and MM44 are relevant.

1.2 Should Policy WWE8 be clearer in safeguarding sites which deal with waste streams other than municipal waste?

Main Evidence Base

SD.8k – SOCG with Historic England SD.66 - Compliance Statement EX1.008 & EX1.010 - Council responses to Inspector's Preliminary questions Schedule of Main Modifications

Statements

EX13.001 - Sunderland City Council
EX13.002 - James Reid - Hedley Planning (Miller Homes) (ID497082)
EX13.003 - Katie Wood - R&K Wood Planning (Thompsons of Prudhoe) (ID1171203)
EX14.001 - Sunderland City Council
EX14.002(a) - Chris Smith - Lichfields (Story Homes-Norman Elliott) (ID963412)
EX14.002(b) - Chris Smith - Lichfields (Story Homes-Michael Ford) (ID963412)
EX14.003 - Chris Smith - Lichfields (Taylor Wimpey) (ID1120527)
EX14.004 - Chris Smith - Lichfields (Hellens) (ID1169009)
EX14.005 - Chris Smith - Lichfields (Burdon Lane Consortium) (ID1131101)
EX14.006 - James Reid - Hedley Planning (Miller Homes) (ID497082)

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