

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulations 18, 19 & 20)

**Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk**

**Proposed major modifications for the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies document (SADMP)**

**Statement of Representation Procedure**

**Why is the Council proposing modifications?**

The Site Allocations and Development Management Policies document will form a key part of the Council's Local Plan, if adopted, and it is currently undergoing independent examination to determine whether the plan is justified, effective and legally compliant. The document was submitted to examination in April 2015 and the Inspector David Hogger BA MSc MRTPI MCIHT was appointed to conduct the examination. The Examination hearings were held from 7 July 2015 to 19 November 2015. During the examination the Inspector raised a number of issues with the plan which the Council would like to address through a number of main modifications to the submitted plan. These modifications are put forward without prejudice to the Inspector's final conclusions on the Plan but aim to address any parts of the plan which may lead to it being found unsound or not legally compliant. Proposing modifications is the final opportunity for the Council to rectify issues identified with the plan.

**What is the consultation about?**

The Council has proposed changes to the submission version of the SADMP plan listed as 'main modifications' and wants to know what you think of these proposed main modifications to the plan. This consultation only relates to the main modifications and not to the content of the whole document. Opportunities to comment on the whole document has now passed but regardless of whether or not you commented on the plan at an earlier stage of the process, we would like to hear what you think of the proposed main modifications. Your comments should relate to the tests of soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Council has also produced a sustainability appraisal of the main modifications to demonstrate that the changes to the plan will still contribute to the key sustainability objectives for the borough. You are also welcome to comment on the sustainability appraisal of the proposed main modifications, but not the original sustainability appraisal for the submission version of the plan.

**How will the comments be used?**

All representations made will be taken into account by the inspector, helping him to determine whether the plan, once modified, is sound and legally compliant. The inspector may consider scheduling further hearing sessions regarding the proposed main modifications following the consultation, but in most cases, written representations are sufficient to inform the inspector of the issues. The comments will help inform his written report.

**Data protection**

The comments will be published online in full although any signatures and contact information will be redacted. Information you submit will only be used in reference to the Local Plan. You can also

request to be notified in future in relation to the Local Plan such as when the Inspectors report is available.

### **Why can't I comment on the whole plan?**

The Inspector already has copies of all the comments made about the plan at the previous submission stage (held in January 2015) and has issue statements from selected consultees which informed the hearing sessions. He will consider these comments when writing his report. Therefore, there is not a need to repeat a consultation on the whole plan again, only the changes proposed to it.

### **What are main modifications?**

Main modifications are those that materially affect the policies in the submitted Local Plan, which are required to ensure that the plans are 'sound' and 'legally compliant'.

### **What are minor modifications? Can I comment on those?**

Modifications are considered to be minor where they will not impact upon the intent or interpretation of the plans, or go to the heart of whether the plan is 'sound' or not. The minor modifications include changes such as typographical errors and factual updates. The Council is not conducting a full consultation on the minor modifications, however if you have a specific comment to make, you may do so in your representation regarding the main modifications or by email to the address provided below.

### **Where can I view the proposed modifications?**

The Council has produced 3 documents for you to view:

- List of the proposed main modifications
- Version of the SADMP with the main modifications added (shown in bold)
- Sustainability Appraisal of the proposed main modifications to the SADMP

The documents are available to view

Online at [www.west-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk)

Hard copies of the Modifications will be made available for inspection upon request at the following locations:

- Council offices during normal opening times: King's Court at King's Lynn, Valentine Road at Hunstanton and The Priory Centre at Downham Market. Please see <http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=16823>
- Norfolk County Council Public Libraries at King's Lynn, Gaywood, Hunstanton, Dersingham and Downham Market – for locations and opening times please see: [http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure\\_and\\_culture/Libraries/Your\\_local\\_library/Opening\\_times\\_and\\_location/index.htm](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/Your_local_library/Opening_times_and_location/index.htm)

### **When is the consultation?**

The consultation is open for a period of 6 weeks from Monday 4 April 2016 to Monday 16 May 2016.

Comments must be received by 5pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Comments after the deadline will not be accepted.

## How can I make a comment?

You can comment:

- Online via the Council's website at [www.west-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk)
- Via email to [ldf@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@west-norfolk.gov.uk)
- In writing to – LDF Team – Planning, c/o BCKLWN, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 1EX

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