

LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATIONS

CAMBRIDGE CITY and SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

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Dear Sara

Cambridge Local Plan 2014 Modifications

The Inspectors have provided the following for the City Council regarding proposed modifications to the Local Plan

As you will be aware, Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 allows a local planning authority to adopt a local development document with main modifications, if so recommended by the Inspector, and additional modifications which do not materially affect the policies that would be set out in the document. Additional modifications are commonly referred to as minor modifications.

Your statements to Matters CC1, CC2, CC3, CC4 and CC5 all propose new 'minor' modifications. A significant number of these modifications arise from discussions between the Council and representors, including Historic England, Natural England and Sport England. Additional (minor) modifications are entirely a matter for the local planning authority and will not be referred to in our report. However, our view is that a significant number of the proposed 'minor' modifications could be considered to affect, materially, the content of the policies.

It would appear that this view is shared by the organisations referred to in the above paragraph, as they have indicated a willingness to withdraw representations seeking changes to the Plan, subject to the inclusion of the proposed modifications. We are also aware that some of these modifications are regarded as controversial by other representors.

In the circumstances we are advising you that many of the proposed modifications should be regarded as main modifications and should, therefore, be subject to consultation and SA, if necessary. However, this does not apply to all the proposed modifications. For example the proposed modifications to the list of protected public houses in order to update the names of public houses can be regarded as factual updates which fall within the scope of minor modifications.

In due course we will provide you with a clear indication of which modifications should be treated as main modifications. These should then be subject to consultation together with any further main

modifications that may be proposed during the course of the examination. The aim should be, if possible, to have only one further round of consultation on main modifications, and to this end we will, through Ms Alexander, discuss the arrangements and timetable for the consultation once the progress of the examination is at a more advanced stage.

This letter is copied to South Cambridgeshire District Council for information and as an indication of the approach we will take in relation to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan examination.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards

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