

DAVENTRY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Examination of Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) for Daventry District 2011-2029

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Dear Mr Wood

RESPONSE TO PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MAIN MODIFICATIONS (DATED 9 AUGUST) RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENTS AND COUNTRYSIDE LOCAL PLAN (PART 2) FOR DAVENTRY DISTRICT 2011-2029

1. Thank you for the Proposed Schedule of Main Modifications and associated information dated 9 August 2019. As indicated in my post hearing note dated 17 July 2019, I am now writing to you to confirm that main modifications will be required to Policies SP1, RA1, RA2, RA3, RA6, HO1, HO6, HO8, HO9, EC1, EC4, EC6, EC7, EC9, EC10, ST1, ST2, ENV1, ENV2, ENV3, ENV4, ENV5, ENV6, ENV7, ENV8, ENV9, ENV10, ENV11, CW1, CW2 and CW3, together with associated changes to supporting text and some alterations to Appendices to address the soundness deficiencies of the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) for Daventry District 2011-2029 document (the Plan) as submitted. In that respect, prior to any subsequent public consultation taking place upon the main modifications to the Plan, some changes will be required to the detailed wording of those currently set out within the Proposed Schedule of Main Modifications (dated 9 August 2019).
2. With regard to the above, as the main modifications are intended to form part of my final report, I am happy to continue working with the Council as they prepare revised detailed wording in order to ensure that each of the main modifications reflect my understanding and to avoid any obvious soundness issues before a consultation version of the Proposed Schedule of Main Modifications is finalised. However, any of my comments and suggestions given as part of that process are without prejudice to the conclusions and reasoning that will appear in my final report as I will need to take into account the consultation responses before finally concluding whether or not a change along those lines is required to make the plan sound.
3. In terms of the next steps after the Proposed Schedule of Main Modifications is finalised, the period of consultation on the main modifications to the Plan should be arranged for a minimum of 6 weeks. In carrying out the further consultation can I ask that the Council make it clear that comments should solely be addressed to the proposed Main Modifications and the implications arising from them. The Council should also bear in mind the need for further Sustainability Appraisal relating to the proposed main modifications and any necessary assessment under the Habitat Regulations. The Council should

keep me informed of progress in those respects as soon as possible and advise me of the dates of the consultation period.

4. At this stage, I do not expect that there is likely to be a need for further hearing sessions. Nonetheless, I will need to consider the consultation responses before finalising my report. At the moment, it is difficult to give definite guidance about when this will be produced as whilst it is now most likely to be in late 2019 or early 2020 it may alter depending upon the dates of the consultation period on the main modifications and any associated responses received.
5. If there are any procedural or other questions arising from this letter, the Council should contact me via the Programme Officer. However, I am not inviting, nor envisage accepting, any comments from other examination participants.

Gareth Wildgoose
INSPECTOR

3 September 2019