

Newark & Sherwood Amended Core Strategy DPD Examination
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POST HEARING NOTE 2

At the end of the Hearings on 2 February 2018, I set out that I would confirm a few matters relating to areas where Main Modifications, on top of those already outlined, might usefully be considered.

Leaving aside Issue 14, and Core Policies 4 and 5, that we are dealing with separately, these are:

Issues 5 & 7

The general strategy in relation to the settlement hierarchy works bearing in mind the Spatial Vision and Strategic Objectives and the OAN. However, while I understand what the Council is trying to achieve, I agree with views expressed at the Hearing that the reference to 'the main built-up areas of villages' under the heading Location, in Spatial Policy 3 is a little ambiguous. Some clarity is needed and I wonder whether it might be better to delete the phrase/ Any proposals that come forward that would extend a village into the countryside, or have a similar detrimental impact of concern to the Council, could be safely resisted under the later heading of Character.

Issue 8

I am content with Spatial Policies 4A and 4B and the way they deal with the Green Belt save for the reference to 'appropriate development' in the final paragraph of the latter. It ought perhaps to read 'not inappropriate development'.

Issue 11

A reference should be made to any important views in Spatial Policy 9.

Issues 15 and 20

Some amendments were to be considered to Core Policy 8 and/or Core Policy NAP2A. We left it that the Council, after discussion with Barton Willmore, would make some suggestions. I will then confirm whether or not I consider them to be Main Modifications.

Issue 19

To accord with national policy, Core Policy 14 needs to include references to any (public) benefits, and the different balancing exercises required by paragraphs 133, 134 and 135 of the Framework.

Issue 27

I am of the view that some 'trigger' will be required for the opportunity sites. For example, it was suggested that they might be brought forward in the event that the Council could not show 5 years' supply of deliverable housing sites for 2 years.

If there are any queries, please let me know, via the Programme Officer.

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