

PENDLE CORE STRATEGY PLAN EXAMINATION

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Dear Mr Halton

Pendle Core Strategy Examination – Main Modifications

Since the submission of the Schedule of Main Modifications (MM) to me two matters have been drawn to my attention.

Firstly, the Government's National Productivity Plan and the document 'Fixing the Foundations: Creating a more prosperous nation' signal a pulling back on the move towards zero carbon¹ so references to zero carbon or allowable solutions within Policy ENV 2 would need to be modified so that they are consistent with national policy. Secondly, the DCLG Good Practice Guide on Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites (GPG) was withdrawn by letter dated 31 August 2015.

In relation to first of these matters I would be grateful if you could consider an alternative wording for MM062 to Policy ENV 2, with particular regard to the references to zero carbon and allowable solutions within the policy. For MM055 it is a matter of removing reference to the GPG in Policy LIV 3 (see attached).

I would be grateful for your feedback on these issues as soon as possible. I do not see the need for further consultation on any changes to MM that arise. Please let me know if you are unable to respond by Tuesday 20 October as this will affect the 'fact check' date.

I trust that the above is self-explanatory but if you require any further clarification please let me know via the Programme Officer.

Yours sincerely

¹ See in particular page 46 para 9.17 of the 'Fixing Foundations' document

INSPECTOR

Enc.: rewording of MM055

MM055

Reword the final paragraph of Policy LIV3 to read:

~~“Proposals for the development of Gypsy and Traveller or Travelling Showpeople sites, pitches or plots should follow the guidance set out in the DCLG Good Practice Guide on Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites or its replacement. In addition, proposals should:~~

- ~~• Where appropriate, for social rented sites, follow the guidance set out in the DCLG Good Practice Guide on Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites (or its replacement).~~
- ~~• Avoid those areas where poor environmental conditions exist (e.g. pollution (Policy ENV5) and flood risk (Policy ENV7)).~~
- ~~• Be located in places which have access to employment, facilities and services including shops, schools, and health care provision.~~
- ~~• Be located and designed to respect the amenity of the existing settled community.~~
- ~~• Ensure that any potential impacts on the environment can be avoided or adequately mitigated and have regard to the requirements relating to protecting the natural and built environment set out in Policy ENV1.”~~