

North Norfolk District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation

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Dear Mrs Fisher,

North Norfolk Core Strategy Examination – Clarification Request

The Inspector has requested that I write formally to clarify the Council's position in relation to three matters prior to the Pre-Examination Meeting (PEM) on 9 October 2007. This is so that all parties can be clearly advised as to the next steps in the examination process, and also so that he and I can prepare an appropriate draft programme for the public examination sessions starting on 4 December. Ideally such a draft programme needs to be available shortly before the PEM. The queries are:

Content of the Core Strategy DPD

The Inspector notes that at p6 of the Council's Self Assessment (Document A5) the supporting evidence is tabled as Versions 1 and 2 of the LDS dating from April 2005 and 2006 respectively. However, the submitted version of the LDS that the Inspector has (Document G19) is the third revision of March 2007. Within the latter, paragraphs 3.2.1-3 refer to a change in approach to the Site Specific DPD which the Council had initially intended to prepare in parallel with the Core Strategy. Para 3.2.2 states the intention to submit the Site Specific Proposals DPD following receipt of the Inspector's binding report on the Core Strategy. Para 3.2.3 indicates that it is intended to undertake further consultations on site proposals in early 2008. Appendix C lists three DPDs of which only the Core Strategy and the initial Proposals Map were to be submitted in June 2007, with Site Specific Proposals submitted in August 2008.

Please can the Council:

- a) clarify the thrust of the advice it received from the GOEE on this matter and if GOEE has approved the Third Revision LDS;
- b) confirm if and when the Site Specific Proposals DPD is to be prepared;
- c) indicate if it foresees the debate at the Core Strategy Examination on areas of change and growth potential (including,

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presumably, the "Site Allocation and Boundary Change Representations" (Reg 32) (Document A19) being demarcated from the Site Specific Proposals DPD which appears set to follow next year. The Inspector understands that there should not normally be two opportunities for interested parties to make site specific representations. So the question is *'how to sensibly frame any necessary debate on broad development locations so that it does not get bogged down in the Site Specific Proposals discussion'* which should follow later as and when the Core Strategy has been adopted.

Minor Modifications Schedule

Can the Council confirm if, following receipt and any internal analysis of the Core Strategy Representations received (Document A18 and A19), it intends to produce a Minor Modifications Schedule to advocate/endorse minor changes to the CS submission document, and if so when such a document would be available for public inspection and comment. The limited extent of such minor modifications should be informed by the advice set out in the box at para4.18 of PPS12. Any such schedule will need a brief explanation as to why the Council is putting forward the change and an appraisal of its implications as detailed in the advice box.

Annual Monitoring Reports

The Core Document list includes the AMR from 2005 (Document G1). Is there one from 2006 and would the Council expect to issue the 2007 report while the Examination is ongoing?

The Inspector has requested that this letter and the Council's reply be placed in the Examination Core Documents list under a new heading "Examination Documents".

The Inspector and I look forward to your reply at an early stage, if possible by next Tuesday 4 September, so that the examination programme drafting can be done in time to send out prior to the PEM.

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