

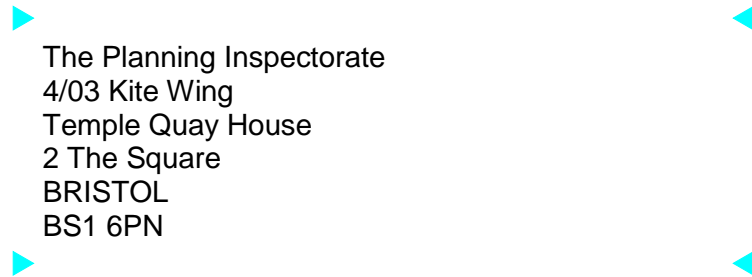
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Dear Ms Heywood,

Re: Other issues, including Green Belt policies and housing figures

Many thanks for your additional correspondence in relation to outstanding issues with the Plan, specifically Green Belt policies and housing figures. Our response is below.

Tables 1 and 2

These tables have been updated as a result of additional changes to Policy D1 and Policy D2 and updates through planning applications. The alterations have all been included in an updated CD4.33 spreadsheet as well as an updated Housing Land Position Statement as of 31 March 2013. I include an updated copy with this response. The differences in the numbers between the original CD4.33 and the updated version have been highlighted in red.

Green Belt Policies

In response to your additional comments the Council accepts the removal of clause c) from Policy G2 and has included an update to this policy in the Main Modifications Schedule.

Area of Separation

The Council notes the comments you have made concerning Policy G5: Areas of Separation in the Plan and which also relate to Policy 19: Areas of Separation and Major Open Space from the adopted Joint Central Lancashire Core Strategy. The principle of what constitutes an Area of Separation and an area of Major Open Space is set out within the adopted Core Strategy. The Core Strategy states that the boundaries of these areas will be defined in the Site Allocations DPD's. Policy G5 seeks to do this on the Proposals Map. The Council proposes the following Main Modification to Policy G5 to ensure the policy is sound and compliant with national policy.

Proposed Modification

Policy G5 – Areas of Separation

The three Areas of Separation are shown on the Proposals Map as between:

- Bamber Bridge and Lostock Hall (Central Park);
- Walton-le-Dale and Penwortham (including part of Central Park); and
- Farington, Lostock Hall and Penwortham.

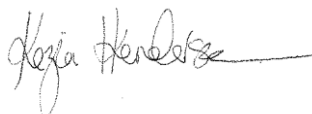
The Council will protect this land from inappropriate development in line with Policy G1 and the NPPF. ~~other than Green Infrastructure uses, leisure and recreational uses, which would not adversely impact on the visual or spatial continuity of the Green Infrastructure and separation area.~~

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The Council is aware that there will be a need to propose additional modifications to update the text in the Plan relating to the North West RS now that it has been revoked. We will await to hear the outcome of our initial letter on the RS revocation and any comments received through the consultation that ended on 24 May 2013.

The Council would welcome a statement as soon as possible regarding the next steps for the Plan and an anticipated timeframe going forwards to update our Members and any interested parties. We are keen to proceed with the Plan in the timeliest manner possible, especially with regards to having an up to date plan and a robust five year supply. All delays are very costly to the Council at this time and we look forward to resolving any outstanding issues shortly. For your information I attach an updated Main and Additional Modifications Schedule, with all post examination modifications highlighted in red, for your ease of reading.

Yours Sincerely



Kezia Henderson

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