

## **Examination of North Lincolnshire Local Plan 2020-2038**

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Dear Mr Durham

### **North Lincolnshire Local Plan - Council's Response to the Inspectors' Initial Questions**

1. Thank you for your letter of the 12 May 2023 providing the Council's response to our Initial Questions. We have considered these and the information provided and have identified a number of matters which would benefit from further clarification at this stage.

#### **Timescales for outstanding information**

2. It would be useful for the Council to confirm the revised timescales for the outstanding information referred to in the letter:
  - IQ18 and IQ21 indicate a response on Gypsy and Traveller issues by the end of June, is this still intended?
  - IQ24 refers to a bespoke SOCG with Natural England being prepared, what is the timescale for the receipt of this?
  - IQ40 indicates a response on the representations/summaries/responses by the end of May, is this still intended?

### **Main Modifications (MMs)**

3. The response to IQ34 indicates that the Council is keeping a list of MMs which is welcomed. However, a comprehensive current running list of these should be published alongside the Council's response to the Initial Questions.
4. This should include those MMs which are embedded within the letter (such as those in response to IQ2 and IQ33). It should also include the detailed drafting of the MMs referred to in the letter (such as those suggested in response to IQ3, IQ7, IQ36 and IQ38).
5. The schedule should also include any MMs which arise from the Council's forthcoming responses to the representations, and any changes arising from the agreement of the general and bespoke Statements of Common Ground.
6. Please can a likely timescale for the provision of the MMs schedule be provided?

### **Policies Map**

7. The Table at Page 23 of the letter onwards in response to IQ35 deals with changes to the Policies Map (rather than the Proposals Map as indicated). As recognised, these changes to the Policies Map do not form part of the MMs and should be kept as a separate schedule that can be updated throughout the examination.

### **Statements of Common Ground (SOCG)**

8. The bespoke SOCG with Historic England provided as Appendix D to the letter is noted, as is the forthcoming bespoke SOCG with Natural England. It would be helpful to understand how these relate to the sections in the general SOCG (provided at Appendix C to the letter) that are attributed to those bodies. For example do they duplicate each other, and are they consistent?

## **Conclusion**

9. An early response to the above queries would be appreciated. This, along with the outstanding matters detailed above, are required for us to progress with the drafting of our Matters, Issues and Questions. Please can a response to this letter be received by **Friday 26 May 2023**.
  
10. If you have any queries regarding any of the above matters, we can be contacted via the Programme Office. A copy of this letter and the Council's response should be placed on the examination website as soon as possible.

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