



Rutland County Council

Rutland Local Plan Examination

Council response to the Inspector's Initial
Observations regarding Main Modifications

26th May 2021

RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

MAIN MODIFICATIONS

RESPONSES TO INITIAL OBSERVATIONS

1. The Inspector's Observations

- 1.1 *Can the Council please confirm whether the Submitted Plan is the same as the Plan published and consulted on for Regulation 19 purposes? Additionally, what is the status of the Addendum: Policies H2 and H3; Strategic Objectives Addendum; and the List of minor corrections and errata – September 2020? Have both addenda and the List of minor corrections and errata been consulted on alongside the Regulation 19 Plan and are therefore considered as part of the Plan being examined? Clarity on this point would assist me during the Examination.*
- 1.2 *Furthermore, a number of proposed modifications to the Plan are included in documents within the Council's examination library as suggested changes in response to representations or parts of Statements of Common Ground. Can the Council confirm whether the proposed changes to the Plan set out in various documents have been subject to any consultation to date? If no consultation has taken place on those changes, they will not be considered part of the Plan for the purposes of the Examination, but they will be given due regard.*
- 1.3 *Could the Council please confirm in writing if it would like me to recommend any main modifications to the Plan that I consider to be necessary to make it sound or legally compliant. This is pursuant to Section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Proposed main modifications will be the subject of discussion at the hearing sessions and would only be required where necessary to make the Plan sound.*
- 1.4 *I would be grateful if the Council could draw together proposed main modifications and additional modifications to the Plan in two separate schedules, one for each type of modification. These schedules should be updated and made available to me as working documents throughout the Examination.*

2. The Council's Response

The Submitted Local Plan

- 2.1 We can confirm that both addenda (Policies H2 and H3 and the Strategic Objective Addendum) and the list of minor corrections were consulted upon for six weeks as part of the Regulation 19 consultation and therefore form part of the Plan being examined.
- 2.2 The Regulation 19 consultation began on Thursday 27th August 2020 and was due to close on Friday 9th October 2020. However the Council published the two addenda on Thursday 24th September 2020 and extended the consultation to close on Friday 6th November 2020, thus providing six weeks consultation on the Addenda alongside the Regulation 19 version of the Plan. Notification of the extension of the consultation to accommodate the addenda and list of minor corrections was undertaken in line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.
- 2.3 The Plan which is being examined should therefore include both Addenda and the list of minor corrections.

Status on Suggested Changes

- 2.4 We can confirm that no further consultation has been undertaken and therefore the suggested changes referenced within Statements of Common Ground and the Council's responses to representations should not be considered as part of the Plan for the purposes of the Examination. The Council will reference them for the Inspectors consideration as part of the Examination process.

Inspector Recommendations on Main Modifications

- 2.5 Yes, we can confirm that it is the Council's intention that the Inspector recommends any main modification to the Plan considered necessary to make it sound or legally compliant. A request to this effect was included in the Council's letter dated 3rd February 2021 to the Planning Inspectorate which submitted the Local Plan for examination (CD13).

Schedules of Modifications

- 2.6 The Council confirms it will prepare two schedules as requested and keep these up-to-date as the Examination progresses. A draft layout of these schedules is attached as Appendix 1 for the Inspector to consider and advise whether it includes all the information she will require.

Appendix 1:

Schedule of Main Modifications

Modification ref	Para / Policy / Table / Figure / Map	Proposed Modification	Reason for Modification
EXAMPLE – MM1	2.2 - Spatial Portrait	Amend para 2.2 to read: “The area of Rutland is approximately 382 km ² and latest data indicates that in 2018 the population was 39,697. This is projected to rise to 41,700 by 2036 and to 42,200 by 2041 <u>45,038 by 2036 and to 46,100 by 2041</u> .”	Change figures to represent accurate projection. The difference in these figures arise from the ONS figures which were based on 2016 sub national projections as it was written before the 2018 sub-national projections were released in March 2020. These have now been updated resulting in a difference in population numbers.

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The schedule is to include:

- The reference number of the main modification with the prefix ‘MM’
- A cross reference to the section within the Publication Draft (Pre-Submission) version of the plan to which the modification applies
- Details of the proposed modification
- A reason as to why the modification is necessary

Schedule of Additional Modifications

Modification ref	Para / Policy / Table / Figure / Map	Proposed Modification	Reason for Modification
EXAMPLE – AM1	Contents Page	Amend subheading 5.14: “Market housing within rural exception sites”	Typo during production

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The schedule is to include:

- The reference number of the main modification with the prefix ‘AM’
- A cross reference to the section within the Publication Draft (Pre-Submission) version of the plan to which the modification applies
- Details of the proposed modification
- A reason as to why the modification is necessary