

From: Inspector
Sent: 05 December 2016 16:48
To: Programme Officer
Subject: RE: Telford and Wrekin Council Local Plan EiP

The Inspector thanks the Council for its quick response. He broadly agrees with the Council's suggestion: clearly there will need to be a consultation period at some stage if he is to recommend main modifications (assuming that he is requested to do so by the Council). Whether this takes the form of a consultation on Council-proposed changes (which may not necessarily end up as Inspector main modifications) or a consultation solely on Inspector-proposed draft main modifications is a matter that he will consider in due course. In either event, there is the possibility that further hearings would result. However, given the need to minimise delay, he agrees with the Council that it would be appropriate for Mr Seabridge to participate in the relevant matter 7 hearing session. He asked the PO to inform Mr Seabridge accordingly.

From: LocalPlan
Sent: 05 December 2016 16:15
To: Programme Officer
Cc: LocalPlan
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Please forward the following note to the inspector.

The Council has proposed modifications to Policy ER2 on the basis of representations received by the Mineral Products Association (MPA). The Council has set out why it has accepted a modification from the MPA (refer Doc A5a, modification P47 on page 53 of the document). The modification is not controversial. It clarifies and strengthens paragraph 5 of the publication draft of the policy (the sentence beginning "Proposals for non-mineral development outside the Minerals Safeguarding Areas"). As such, the modification ensures the policy accords better with national guidance particularly around buffers. In different drafts of the evolving plan, the Council has considered how to cover the matter of buffer areas on the Policies Map. The Council has conducted a refresh of the SA on this basis (refer Doc A3).

We were proposing to ask the inspector if we could consult on all modifications proposed in the track change version along with any others that arise as a result of the public hearings. The inspector has the right to hold a further hearing if he reads representations on these matters that require him to hear further evidence. We were planning to run this consultation in February after the public hearings as we are also likely to have to consult on the implications of the revisions to the NPPF for our Local Plan that are expected shortly.

On this basis, we do not think it necessary now to consult on this aspect of the modifications now but will consult on this matter if directed to do so.

We await the inspector's direction on this matter. It may be the case that, on this occasion, the inspector uses his discretion to allow Mr Seabridge to attend the minerals session.

From: Programme Officer
Sent: 05 December 2016 13:13
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Importance: High

The Inspector wishes to draw the attached correspondence with Mr Seabridge to your attention. The Inspector considers that the inclusion of additional mineral safeguarding buffer zones would amount to a change in excess of a 'minor modification'. In the light of the comments raised, the Inspector suggests that the Council considers undertaking a focussed consultation exercise in respect of the proposed changes to the Plan's approach towards the safeguarding of mineral resources (including suggested map amendments). He would welcome your comments in respect of this matter, particularly in respect of the implications for the examination timescale.