

Examination of Leeds City Council Core Strategy

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Dear Mr Speak,

As promised accompanying this letter is a schedule of Main Modifications. I understand that you hope to consult on the schedule in March.

As you are aware the schedule does not include the Council's proposed changes to Policies H5 (Affordable Housing) and H7 (Gypsies and Travellers). Those proposed changes are to be the subject of a separate consultation (leading to hearings on 13 May) and I have already provided Mr Feeney with a list of questions to guide representors.

Also missing from the schedule are the Council's proposed changes to Policies EN1 and the reasoned justification to Policy EN4. This is because I have concerns regarding the viability implications of these policies and Policy EN2 and these viability concerns are inextricably linked with the proposed targets and thresholds for affordable housing.

I have considered your proposals with regard to monitoring and consider that, in order for the Plan to be effective and sound, a monitoring table should be included in the Core Strategy. I agree that the Monitoring Framework (CD1/18a) is unwieldy and should not be appended to the Plan. Below are links to monitoring tables included in the Joint Core Strategy produced by East Hampshire District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority and in North Warwickshire Borough Council's Core Strategy (both of which I am examining). These examinations are ongoing and these schedules are presented as example layouts only and not so much for their specific indicators and triggers although clearly some may be relevant to the policies in the Core Strategy.

I will be conducting hearings in East Devon soon (starting on 11 February until 13 March). However, should you wish to include the monitoring framework in the March consultation I will assist (as far as it is appropriate) and will endeavour to respond to any suggestions and queries quickly.

Yours faithfully
A Thickett
Inspector

Monitoring Frameworks

North Warwickshire Borough Council

https://secure.northwarks.gov.uk/downloads/file/5104/hearing_7-nwbc_response

East Hampshire and South Downs National Park (for monitoring table click on 'proposed Main Modifications')

<http://www.easthants.gov.uk/ehdc/planningpolicy.nsf/webpages/Joint+Core+Strategy:+Main+Modifications>