

# **Examination of the Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Up to 2031**

## **Post Hearing Advice – Main Modifications and Related Matters**

### **Introduction**

1. During the hearing sessions a number of potential main modifications (MM's) were discussed. The Council has prepared a list of all of these. This letter relates solely to potential MM's and to the administrative arrangements relating to the necessary public consultation on them.

### **Main Modifications**

2. The draft list of MM's is considered to be appropriate for consultation.
3. The Council has also prepared lists of proposed additional minor modifications. These are a matter solely for the Council. If the Council intends to make any additional modifications these should be set out in a separate document from the main modifications.
4. Advice on the required consultation is provided in Examining Local Plans Procedural Practice (in particular, see paragraphs 5.24 to 5.28). Amongst other things this states that the scope and length of the consultation should reflect the consultation at the Regulation 19 stage (usually at least 6 weeks). It should be made clear that the consultation is only about the proposed main modifications and not about other aspects of the plan and that the main modifications are put forward without prejudice to the Inspectors' final conclusions.
5. The Procedural Practice also states that the general expectation is that issues raised on the consultation of the draft MM's will be considered through the written representations process and further hearing sessions will only be scheduled exceptionally.

### **Consideration of potential main modifications**

6. The Inspectors will take into account any representations made in response to the consultation. Consequently, the potential MM's which may be necessary to achieve a sound plan could alter following the consultation process.

### **Timetable**

7. The Council should now confirm a timetable through to the publication of the main modifications for consultation.
8. Thank you for your cooperation on this. If you need any further clarification, please contact us through the Programme Officer.

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