

Remitted Part of the Leeds Site Allocations Plan (SAP)

Matters & Issues for Examination (MM39)

The following Matters, Issues and questions are additional to the Matters, Issues and Questions [EXR2] published on 14 June 2021. They will both provide the focus for the hearings due to commence on Tuesday 14 September 2021.

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The Council is invited to respond on all issues and questions listed, referring to information in the Remittal Submission Documents & Supporting Evidence. Please Note: There is an Appendix to the Matters and Issues with a set of questions for the Council only.

Other representors should only respond on the Matters and Issues relevant to points made in their original representation(s), without raising new issues, in statements of no more than 3000 words per matter. Participants may refer to information in earlier representations. It is not a requirement to submit a Statement; participants can rely on their original representation. Statements should be received by the Programme Officer no later than Monday 23 August (5pm).

Please see the Inspector's Guidance Note [EXR1] and the Matters, Issues and Questions (MM1-MM38) [EXR2] for further advice on the Examination including participation at the Hearings, which is available on the examination webpage.

Matters and Issues for MM39

Matter 1A Legal and Procedural Requirements

Issue 1A: have the relevant procedural and legal requirements been met?

Q1. Is the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Council's proposed Main Modification MM39 suitably comprehensive including the SA objectives and has it sufficiently assessed the reasonable alternatives for employment land?

Q1a. What are the reasons for selecting the preferred option and rejecting other approaches, and is this clearly set out in the Council's evidence base?

Q2. Does the consultation on the Council's proposed MM39 comply with the Statement of Community Involvement, and does it meet the minimum consultation requirements set out in the Regulations?

Q3. Are the likely effects of the proposed MM39 adequately and accurately assessed in the Habitat Regulations Assessment?

Matter 2A – Proposed Site Allocation EG2-37 (MM39)

Issue 2A: is the proposed site allocation EG2-37 for employment use justified and consistent with national policy?

Employment Requirement and Supply

Q4. Is the Council's use of the employment requirement set out within the Core Strategy appropriate and consistent with national policy? What is the evidence of an up to date employment requirement?

Q4a. Is the Council's approach to estimating employment land supply robust and consistent with national guidance and if so, what is the evidence for this?

Q4b. Is there sufficient evidence to indicate that other sites in the SAP that are allocated for general employment use will be affected by the delivery of HS2?

Site Allocation

Q5. Is the proposed allocation consistent with the aims, objectives, and policies in the adopted SAP and the Council's approach to their 'Climate Change Emergency'?

Q5a. On 21 July 2020, the Government published the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020. These came in to force on 1 September 2020. What are the implications, if any, of the changes to the Use Classes Order on the proposed allocation of the site for general employment use?

Q5b. Is the proposed allocation justified having regard to the site selection methodology and process, paying particular attention to the deliverability of the site?

Q5c. Has the delivery of infrastructure in the area, particularly in respect of traffic and transport, been adequately considered in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and do site requirements need to address this?

Q5d. Does the evidence demonstrate that the deliverability and viability of the proposed allocation site is not prejudiced by any site constraints (for example archaeology, public rights of way and railway proposals)?

Q5e. Are there any other site requirements (for example green space) that would ensure that the site allocation would be effective and justified?

Green Belt

Q6. Does the proposed site allocation meet with the criteria set out in Policy SP10 of the CS, and are the boundaries of the proposed allocation defined clearly and consistent with the CS and national guidance?

Q6a. Is there consistency in approach to Green Belt considerations between the deletion of site allocations in MMs1-38 and the proposed addition of a new site allocation MM39? (Please Note: this is a repeat of Q9a from the Matters Issues and Questions for MM1-MM38).

Q6b. Do exceptional circumstances exist to release the site from the Green Belt to allocate it for general employment use including having regard to the High Court Judgement [CDREM1/7c]?

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APPENDIX 1B (MM39)

Question for the Council only. A response to these would be appreciated by Monday 19 July 2021.

1. Could the Council please provide details and confirm when any Statements of Common/uncommon Ground are likely to be completed?

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