



## Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2)

### Main Modifications Consultation September 2019

#### Making Representations: Guidance Note

#### Introduction

This Guidance Note explains how to make representations to the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) Main Modifications consultation, and sets out how to answer the formal questions set by the Planning Inspectorate.

The Council submitted the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for examination in January 2019, and public hearings were held during May 2019 to assess the plan for legal compliance and soundness. As a result of representations received and following the public hearings a number of amendments are proposed to the plan.

The proposed changes are set out in the Schedule of Main Modifications. The Planning Inspector who conducted the hearings has asked that the Schedule of Main Modifications be subject to a six week period of consultation; all representations on the modifications will be forwarded to the Inspector who will consider them prior to issuing his report on the plan.

**The Council is now seeking representations on the Main Modifications and Changes to the Policies Map only, and no other aspects of the plan. The associated updated Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment are also available as part of the consultation.**

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The consultation runs from 20 September 2019 until 4pm 1 November 2019. Consultation responses should be submitted in writing using the representation forms available online ([www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations)) and at libraries and customer Service Centres, and sent to:

**By post:** Planning Policy, Allerdale Borough Council, Allerdale House, Workington CA14 3YJ.

**By email:** [siteallocations@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:siteallocations@allerdale.gov.uk)

**Telephone:** 01900 702790

You may comment only on the specific changes contained within the Schedule to Main Modifications and changes to the Policies Map, and you should quote the reference of the change which you are commenting eg MM1. It is not necessary to repeat comments already made on other aspects of the plan.

The consultation does not concern those parts of the Local Plan where modifications are not proposed. Any such representations will not be considered. Comments should focus on whether the proposed modifications make the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) legally compliant and sound.

If you are seeking to make representations on the way in which the Council has prepared the published local plan (Part 2) it is likely that your comments of support or objection will relate to a matter of legal compliance.

If it is the actual content on which you wish to support, or object to, it is likely that this will relate to the soundness of the plan and whether it is positively prepared, justified, effective or consistent with national policy. In relation to the current consultation, comments regarding the soundness should only be submitted where they relate to the proposed Main Modifications.

**Positively prepared:** This means that the Local Plan should be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development.

**Justified:** The Local Plan should be the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence.

**Effective:** The Local Plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities.

**Consistent with national policy:** The Local Plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the NPPF.

As a result of the modifications addendums to the Habitats Regulations Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal have also been produced, and these are also the subject of the consultation. A separate representation form is available for comments on these documents.

The Council is also publishing a schedule of minor modifications to the Local Plan which consist of changes such as typographical errors, minor updates and factual changes. These changes do not impact on the intent or interpretation of the policies of the plan or go to the heart of whether the plan is sound or not. They do not form part of the consultation, but are provided for completeness.

Please note that all comments will be published in full, but with personal email addresses and telephone numbers removed. All comments received in response to the main modifications consultation will be submitted to the Inspector. The Inspector will consider the comments received and decide whether any further hearings are required and if any issues need to be revisited. The Inspector will then present their final conclusion in a report. If the report concludes that the Local Plan is 'sound', the Council can adopt the Local Plan, subject to making the modifications identified.

**Further copies of the representation forms, and guidance can be obtained by contacting the planning policy department**

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