

Comments

Main Modifications to the Local Plan (18/02/19 to 01/04/19)

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To which proposed Main Modification does your representation relate? Please state the relevant reference number that you are commenting on from the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications e.g. MM1

HOU 05, but we are of course commenting on the final version, as published as document Ex125, rather than the incorrect one published in the Main Modifications document in paper version and on-line. Indeed, one Breckland officer at least has been recommending that people look at Page 50 in the document without realising that this was not the final version. Unacceptable!

**Do you consider the proposed modification is:
(please mark the appropriate box)**

If you consider the proposed Main Modification to be UNSOUND, please identify which test of soundness your representation relates to?

Please give us details as to why you think the Local Plan with proposed modifications is NOT legally compliant or sound?

The Inspector's use of his all powerful un-elected red pen has rendered this Policy inconsistent with the NPPF.

Para 16 (d) of the NPPF requires that the plans "contain policies that are clearly written and unambiguous, so it is evident how a decision maker should react to development proposals."

In support of this Breckland had included the words "minor development" and "of up to 3 units" in criterion No.2. Deleting these means that this criterion is now ambiguous, and ready for long arguments between planners and agents (including solicitors on both sides) which will end up in costing the tax-payer even more than has been wasted on this Plan given that the Inspector was intending to re-write it in his own words in any case.

My Council also feels that deleting the criterion that the development should have appropriate support from the Parish Council is forcing Breckland Council to go back on promises made during the years of formation of this plan. It has been through the correct process, involving all required consultations. There is no evidence that there were objections to this criterion, so my Council wonders what is the point of going through the process if one un-elected inspector can ignore what has been done and reverse a decision at the last minute.

Please set out what changes you consider necessary to make the proposed main modifications to the Local Plan legally compliant or sound.

Re-instate the original wording of Criterion 2 and 3.

Would you like to be notified of future stages of the Local Plan? No

How would you like to be notified?