

## Examination of the *West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027*

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Dear Mr Richards

### COUNCIL'S PROPOSED MAIN AND MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE LOCAL PLAN – INSPECTOR'S SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS

1. As I indicated at the Matter 18 hearing session, I am writing to set out my interim views on the modifications needed to some of the Local Plan policies in order to make the Plan sound and legally compliant. This letter covers what I have termed "the development management policies" of the Plan – that is to say, policies GN3-GN5, RS3, RS5, IF1-IF4 and EN1-EN4.
2. I will be writing separately to set out my interim views on the remaining policies, which cover the strategic and land allocation aspects of the Plan.
3. For this communication on the development management policies, I have used the Council's list of proposed main modifications to those policies as a basis. Where I have a suggested amendment to one of those modifications it is set out as a track-change on the list attached to this letter. For the sake of completeness, I have included in the list all the modifications relevant to the development management policies. Where no track-change is shown, I have no amendment to suggest to that modification.
4. The accompanying explanatory notes provide a commentary on my suggested amendments. As will be clear from those notes, the final content of the amended modifications to policy EN2 (MM39 & MM42), insofar as they concern the Lancashire Ecological Network [LEN], is likely to depend on whether or not it is possible to amend the Policies Map to show the LEN, prior to consultation on the proposed modifications.
5. I would be grateful if you would let me know, via the Programme Officer, whether the Council are able to accept these suggested amendments and incorporate them into your proposed main modifications to the Local Plan, and how you intend to proceed in respect of MM39 & MM42.
6. Minor modifications are a matter for the Council and do not affect the soundness or legal compliance of the Plan. Nonetheless, there are also a number of amendments, mostly concerning matters of

accuracy and consistency, that I would like to suggest to your proposed minor modifications. These are similarly dealt with as track-changes to the Council's original list, with a commentary where necessary.

7. Please do not hesitate to contact me, via the Programme Officer, if you have any queries on these suggested amendments.

Yours sincerely

*Roger Clews*

Inspector