

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE INSPECTOR'S SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS
TO THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSED MAIN AND MINOR MODIFICATIONS

Main modifications

Mod. No.	Reason(s) for suggested amendment(s)
MM9	For clarification.
MM18	The word "unnecessary" is redundant, given that the modification spells out the circumstances in which the loss of these facilities would be justified.
MM24	<p>In modified policy GN4(1), change numbering of first set of sub-paras i, ii and iii to (a), (b) and (c), to avoid confusion with second set of sub-paras i, ii and iii.</p> <p>Insert "or" after sub-para (a), as any of situations (a), (b) or (c) would independently demonstrate that the site need not be retained for its existing use.</p> <p>Delete the first bullet point, in the light of advice in NPPF paragraph 51 and the previous comment.</p> <p>Correct "advert" to "advertisements" in sub-para iii.</p> <p>Replace "Viability Statement" with "submitted evidence, as the modified policy no longer refers to a Viability Statement.</p> <p>Amendments to para 5.32 for consistency and clarity.</p>
MM32	Grammatical corrections.
MM34	Amendment to correct a slip in the original modification.
MM39	<p>Amendment to modified para 1(a) of Policy EN2 for clarity.</p> <p>Amendment to modified para 1(a)ii & iii for clarity and for consistency with NPPF paragraph 118.</p> <p>Para 1(b)ii – While the work being done on the Lancashire Ecological Network [LEN] is to be welcomed, I am concerned that the reference to the LEN in the policy would be premature unless it is possible also to amend the Policies Map to show the LEN, prior to consultation on the proposed modifications. If this is not possible, anyone with interests affected by the LEN designation could potentially be prejudiced by a policy which applies protection to the designated area before it has been formally defined. If the Policies Map cannot be amended to show the LEN, it may be necessary to deal with the LEN through a future SPD. In the meantime, it might then be appropriate for this section of policy EN2 to refer to the Major Wildlife Corridors which are defined on the Proposals Map (and which otherwise are not referred to in the policy as modified).</p> <p>Deletion of the final part of modified Policy EN4(b)(iv) to avoid duplication with part (a) of the modified policy.</p>

	Other amendments for clarity and consistency.
MM40	For consistency.
MM41	Clarification and grammatical amendments.
MM42	See notes on MM39 above. Para 9.20 may need to be amended to comply with any amendments to modified policy EN2.
MM44	Correct "Proposals Map" to "Policies Map".
MM45 (added)	Min 56 moved from minor modifications annex as it is necessary to achieve soundness.
MM46 (added)	<p>The small size of the railway pad at Appley Bridge and its relative remoteness from the motorway network would make it unsuitable for anything more than a very limited throughput of freight. It is by no means certain, however, whether such limited throughput would be able to support the significant investment needed to restore the track connections to the pad and the associated signalling.</p> <p>The land was removed from the Green Belt and safeguarded for small-scale rail-based facilities by RLP policy SC8 in 2006. That policy goes on to say that <i>Development which would prejudice such future uses will not be permitted unless there has been a conclusive demonstration that such uses are not viable</i>. This additional flexibility is absent from policy IF2, as submitted, but it is necessary to reinstate it via the proposed modification, in view of the significant uncertainty over the deliverability of a rail-based facility at the Appley Bridge site. Given that the RLP policy accepts the possibility of other development at the site, no exceptional circumstances now exist that would justify returning the site to the Green Belt.</p>
MM47 (added)	Amendment to more accurately reflect NPPF paragraph 91.
MM48 (added)	Min 94 moved from minor modifications annex as it is necessary to achieve soundness.
MM49 (added)	Min 97 moved from minor modifications annex as it is necessary to achieve soundness.
MM50 (added)	Min 98 moved from minor modifications annex as it is necessary to achieve soundness.

Minor modifications

Mod. No.	Reason(s) for suggested amendment(s)
Min 25	Delete this minor modification as it is superseded by MM29& MM32.
Min 28	Grammatical and clarification amendments.
Min 30	Grammatical and consistency amendments.
Min 40-45	Correct "Proposals Map" to "Policies Map".
Min 54	Delete "provision" – to correct an error in the original proposed modification.
Min 56	Move this minor modification to main modifications annex as it is necessary to achieve soundness.
Min 77	Correct "Proposals Map" to "Policies Map".
Min 79	Changes for clarification – the Local Plan cannot "enhance" the LTP, or commit support to future LTPs the content of which is unknown.
Min 85	Insert date of Localism Act – for accuracy.
Min 93	For consistency, add date for Lancs Biodiversity Action Plan
Min 94	Move this minor modification to main modifications annex as it is necessary to achieve soundness.
Min 97	Move this minor modification to main modifications annex as it is necessary to achieve soundness.
Min 98	Move this minor modification to main modifications annex as it is necessary to achieve soundness.
Min 102	Add "Main Town Centre Uses" to the Glossary as the term is now referred to in modified policy IF2.
Min 103	Correct "Proposals Map" to "Policies Map".
Min 104	For consistency with other modifications, remove cross-reference to modified policy EN4. Change "in keeping with" the Design SPD to "have regard to" as the Local Plan is a higher-level policy document than the SPD.
Min 105	For consistency and accuracy.