

Addendum to the Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation Responses

(Appendix 2 to Item 4(a), Cabinet 18 July 2012)

The following amendments are proposed to specific consultation responses provided within Appendix 2 of Item 1, Cabinet, 18 July 2012

Page 19 of 470, ID1299 – amend “outcome” and “officer recommendation” to reflect amendment to Local Plan Publication document, as follows:

Outcome: *The Rural Economy Study and West Lancashire Economy Study both point to a productive agricultural sector, but one which is vulnerable, as exemplified by the loss of jobs in the sector since 2001. However, it is recognised that the Local Plan should not play down the value of our agricultural sector.*

Officer Recommendation: Remove reference to a “weakening” agricultural sector.

Page 28 of 470, ID495 – amend “outcome” and “officer recommendation” to reflect amendment to Local Plan Publication document, as follows:

Outcome: *Comments noted. While the Council can appreciate concern over the word “maximising”, neither is the word “optimising” appropriate.*

Officer Recommendation: Amend wording to the effect of “makes efficient use”.

Page 89 of 470, ID966 – amend “officer recommendation” to reflect amendment to Local Plan Publication document as follows:

Officer Recommendation: Amend criterion 2 (i) to delete the last sentence relating to floor space and replace the whole criterion with “To enhance the Town Centre offer and to ensure the long term vitality and viability of the Town Centre, including the Concourse Centre, new development is required to linking the Concourse and Asda / West Lancashire College and must to include a range and mix of uses including retailing (food and non-food), leisure, entertainment (including a cinema), office space, residential and green space. Any scheme should not harm the viability and vitality of the Concourse Centre and must provide sufficient linkage to the Concourse.”

Move criterion (ix) to (ii) and renumber remaining bullets accordingly. Amend criterion ix (new ii) as follows “To ensure maximum practical integration, an improved western entrance into the Concourse Centre to link with the new town centre development and a relocated or renovated bus station, and re-use of the top floor of the Concourse Centre to provide office, leisure or retail uses. Enhancements to the existing Concourse Centre to improve the retail offer and attractiveness of the Centre will be encouraged.”

Amend Criterion 2 (iii) (was 2(ii)) as follows ~~“iii. A new supermarket either close to or integrated with the Concourse Centre or, alternatively, close to the new developments in 2(i) above. Should the supermarket be adjacent to the developments in 2(i) above an active retail frontage should be maintained. Any supermarket proposal should form part of an integrated regeneration scheme and facilitate that should form part of the wider regeneration of the town centre, ensuring~~

an active retail frontage is created and facilitating the delivery of an improved retail and leisure offer for the town centre, linking the Concourse and the Asda / College. Alternatively, it should be directly integrated with the Concourse Centre to support the ongoing economic viability of the Centre and encourage trade”.

Page 93 of 470, ID1289 – amend “officer recommendation” to reflect amendment to Local Plan Publication document as follows:

Officer Recommendation: Move criterion (ix) to (ii) and renumber remaining bullets accordingly. Amend criterion ix (new ii) as follows “*To ensure maximum practical integration, an improved western entrance into the Concourse Centre to link with the new town centre development and a relocated or renovated bus station, and re-use of the top floor of the Concourse Centre to provide office, leisure or retail uses. Enhancements to the existing Concourse Centre to improve the retail offer and attractiveness of the Centre will be encouraged.”*

Page 322 of 470, ID548 – correct accidental omission of “outcome” and “officer recommendation”, as follows:

Outcome: *Comments noted. As stated by the Agent, the University's Accommodation Strategy is referred to in the publicly available EHU Technical Paper. It is not considered necessary to add an explanation of the Accommodation Strategy, nor a summary of the related material in the Technical Paper, to the justification text of Policy RS3. It is agreed that the supporting evidence base data to the policy should be kept under review.*

Officer Recommendation: *No Action Required.*

Page 334 of 470, ID725 – remove phrase “likely to have been” from reference to alternative brownfield sites in the “outcome” comment so that sentence reads as follows:

The 'alternative sites' referred to by the Objector are ~~likely to have been~~ included in the housing land supply, for example such sites as Whalleys, plus a number of smaller unallocated sites within the built up area of Skelmersdale.