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Dear Garry

Carlisle District Council Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications

Thank you for consulting us on the proposed changes to the Local Plan. Have reviewed the proposed modification our comments concern two sections:

Policy IP8

While the proposed change to the second paragraph to this policy is supported. We would suggest that the third paragraph would benefit from a subtle change; in particular the first line could be revised to state:

“The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will assist with the ~~be used to identification~~ of the infrastructure, services...”

This change better reflects the strategic role of the IDP and better clarifies how each planning application, and the infrastructure requirements that arise would need to be treated on its merits. Such fine grain assessment would not be practicable within the IDP. We consider that this change could be effectively addressed as a minor modification.

Appendix 1

It is not clear whether the additional “Advice” proposed is necessary for inclusion within Appendix 1 to the Local Plan. This additional information was taken from evidence base documents prepared to support allocation of sites. When drafted, this commentary was not intended for inclusion in the plan itself and this feels apparent when they are read. With this in mind, we suggest the additional commentary proposed is not included within Appendix 1. Rather it should be retained within the original evidence base document prepared to support of the Local Plan from where it can be effectively cross referred.

Notwithstanding the above comments, if the additional information is to be retained within Appendix 1, we would recommend a number of minor modifications.

It is recommended that the first paragraph has an additional sentence added to the end. This would state:

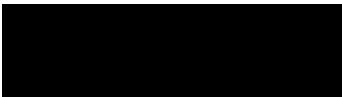
“The advice set out below does not replace or remove the need for the full and robust consideration of individual planning applications and the detailed evidence prepared to support these”.

This point ensures prospective applicants and developers are aware that a due process will be followed during the consideration of specific applications.

Within commentary on specific development sites, it recommended that the term “advice” be removed from the beginning of each subsection (e.g. Highway, Historic Environment). In addition, it is suggested that reference to “*Environment Agency / Lead Local Flood Authority advice*” be replaced with a simple reference to “**Flooding**”. These changes are minor but are considered to bring benefit given the Local Plan is the planning document for Carlisle City Council and not other bodies.

I hope you find the comments constructive however, should you have any further queries regarding the response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerley



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