This matter considers the Core Development Management Policies (Chapter 6 of the LP). The Council proposes some modifications to the policies arising from the Inspector’s preliminary questions.

Proposed Main Modifications MM/014 to MM/020 are relevant to this session.

**Statement from Ben Wallace MP**

**Issues**

1. **Environmental Protection**

   1.1 *Is Policy CDMP1 positively prepared having regard to the suggested modifications?*
   
   MM/014 is relevant to this policy.

   **Particular points to be explored include:**
   
   Would the qualification in Section d) in relation to Air Quality weaken the objective of preventing a deterioration in air quality?

2. **Flood Risk and Surface Water Management**

   2.1 *Does Policy CDMP2 adequately deal with issues of flood risk and surface water?*
   
   MM/015 is relevant to this policy.

   **Particular points to be explored include:**
   
   Will the documents and footnotes associated with Section 1 of Policy CDMP2 result in the policy being out of date soon?

   2.2 *Is the hierarchy in relation to surface water and the requirement to achieve greenfield run-off rates overly prescriptive?*

   The Council’s Drainage Engineer will be asked to comment on specific issues of surface water drainage in the District and the mitigation contained within the LP.

3. **Design**

   3.1 *Does Policy CDMP3 take into account climate change and local distinctiveness?*
   
   MM/016 is relevant to this policy.
3.2 Is the requirement for masterplans for sites of more than 50 dwellings a reflection of a positively prepared and effective LP? (as contained in allocation Policies SA1, SA3 and SA4)

4. Natural and Historic Environment Policies

4.1 Are Policies CDMP4 and CDMP5 consistent with national policy?
MM/017 to MM/019 are relevant to these policies.

Specific points to be explored include:
Should Section 15 of Policy CDMP4 be amended to ‘minimised and offset’ in the sense that ‘reduced’ could imply limited mitigation?
Should Policy CDMP4 include reference to public rights of way as an element of Green Infrastructure?

4.2 Is the definition of Green Infrastructure (GI) within Policy CDMP4 too wide ranging?
Specific points to be explored include:
Is it appropriate to include all areas defined as countryside as GI or should key elements of the countryside be highlighted as GI?

5. Accessibility and Transport

5.1 Is Policy CDMP6 consistent with national policy?

MM/020 is relevant to this policy.

Main Evidence Base
ED003 - Local Plan and Site Allocations Viability Study
ED069a & b – Green Infrastructure Strategy
EL1.001b - Council response to Inspector’s Preliminary questions
Schedule of Modifications

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