

Wetherby Neighbourhood Development Plan

Further Regulation 16 Publicity, Monday 22nd July to Monday 2nd September

1. Introduction

The Council is conducting additional Regulation 16 consultation for the Wetherby Neighbourhood Plan, following updates to the submission draft neighbourhood plan, the basic conditions statement, and the policies maps. This note sets out the reasons for, and scope of, conducting further consultation on the updated documents.

On 5 July 2019, the independent examiner for the Wetherby Neighbourhood Plan wrote to the Council to highlight some concerns regarding the Wetherby Neighbourhood Plan. The examiner's letter is available on the Council's website: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/Wetherby%20Neighbourhood%20Plan%20Examiners%20Initial%20Letter.pdf>

The examiner has requested that the submission documents be updated to:

- a) Take into account relevant changes in the NPPF and Planning Practice Guidance;
- b) Reflect changes to the additional basic condition prescribed in Regulation 32 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended); and
- c) Provide a more accurate explanation as to how the Plan is compatible with EU obligations and legislation.

Additionally, the examiner has requested that the Policies Maps on pages 29 – 31 of the submission draft plan be updated to improve the clarity of the maps and that site-based plans are provided for Policy ENV1.

2. Scope of the Consultation

The scope of the consultation is limited to the updates made to submission documents and maps only. **The Council is not re-publicising other elements of the Wetherby Neighbourhood Plan submission at this time as they were previously subject to Regulation 16 Publicity between 7 May and 18 June 2019.**

In respect of the updated Submission Draft Wetherby Neighbourhood Plan and the updated Wetherby Neighbourhood Plan Basic Conditions Statement, the examiner has made it clear that the purpose of the consultation is to invite comments only on the changes made as a result of his request for references to national planning policy, regulatory requirements and the HRA screening process to be updated and corrected.

In respect of the updated Policies Maps, the examiner has again made it clear that comments are not being invited on the merits of proposed local green spaces or local heritage asset designations. The purpose of the consultation is to provide an opportunity for comments to be made on changes to the Policies Maps as a result of the request to improve clarity and to enable comments to be made on the boundaries of local heritage sites which have not previously been delineated or consulted on.

All comments received as a result of this consultation will be forwarded to the examiner and available on the Council's website.

If further information is required regarding the scope or purpose of this publicity, please contact the Council's neighbourhood planning team on npsupport@leeds.gov.uk or on 0113 37 87260