

STEETON WITH ESTBURN AND SILSDEN NDP EXAMINATION

EXAMINER'S QUESTIONS

1. POLICY SWES 16 LOCAL GREEN SPACES and SWES17 PROTECTING AND ENHANCING SPORT AND RECREATION PROVISION - I note that a number of the proposed sites are not shown on the Policies Map 1 and that there are a number of sites on the map which have no reference. Please could the Parishes correct these anomalies in the form of an amended Policies Map.
2. I note there is an objection to the designation of sites SWES 17/7 Airedale Hospital Sports Ground and SWES 17/8 Airedale Mews Garden as protected sites for sport and recreation.

I have not yet seen these sites but at this stage in the examination need some clarification from the Parish Councils and CBMBC

HOSPITAL SPORTS GROUND

The Airedale Trust objects to the designation of site 17/7 the Hospital Sports Ground on the basis that it has not been used as a sports pitch since 1993 and access is only achievable for pedestrians. Furthermore, it points out there is no reference to the site in the Bradford Open Space Sport and Recreation Study 2006 and this therefore excludes the site as one "identified" for protection via Core Strategy policy EN1 Protection and improvements in provision of Open Space and Recreation Facilities. It submits further that whilst the RUDP allocated the site, in view of the lack of use for these purposes and that it was wrongly identified at that stage as "bookable" by the public, rather than a private facility, then it should not have been identified for open space or recreation purposes. On this latter point my view is the fact that it is a private facility does not preclude its identification for these purposes.

I would appreciate the response of the Parishes and CBMDC to each one of these points, referred to above, put forward by the Trust.

AIREDALE MEWS GARDEN

The Trust maintain that this site has never been used for sport or recreation and indeed was the location for landscaping as part of a 2003 planning permission for hospital accommodation. It is maintained the land does not function as a garden but simply as a landscaped buffer as intended in the planning permission with no public access.

It is noted the site is allocated as Village Green Space by saved RUDP policy OS7.

I would appreciate comments from the Parish Councils and CBMDC in relation to the Trust's objection on the grounds that the land is not suitable for this designation as it has not been used for sport or recreation ? Furthermore, if the site is not used for sport or recreation why was it not suggested as local green space ?