

Email P Simpson (Freeths) to BMDC 180315 and copied in to Programme Officer

Dear Jane

Thank you for your email below.

As you know the Council, NE and CEG made significant efforts last week leading to agreement of all three parties on the wording of Policy SC8. The Council submitted the final agreed wording (which included the Council's "final tweaks" (see Danny Jackson's email to me dated 11 March)) to Tony Blackburn on the afternoon of Friday 13 March. Tony circulated it to the other participants on Saturday 14 March. On this basis we see no basis for the Council to make further changes to Policy SC8 and we are naturally assuming that the SC8 amendments to be presented by the Council to the Examination tomorrow afternoon are simply those already agreed.

In relation to Policy EN2, the Inspector has made clear that he expects the parties to seek agreement on relevant matters wherever possible in advance of the open sessions. We would therefore urge the Council to provide its comments to us on our suggested EN2 changes. This way the most effective use of time can be ensured during the session tomorrow afternoon, which is in the interests of all involved.

We would also be grateful to receive today from the Council copies of the SC8 and EN2 policies which it will be presenting to the Examination tomorrow afternoon.

Regards
Penny

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Sent: 17 March 2015 12:34

To: Penny Simpson; 'King, John J (NE)'; Andrew Marshall; Buddle, Zoe (NE); 'Nicholas Pincombe'; 'Jonathan Cox'; Danny Jackson

Cc: Tony Blackburn; Bill Caulfield

Subject: RE: CEG suggested amendments to Policy EN2

Dear Penny

Thank you for your email of 16th March attaching CEG's suggested amendments to Policy EN2. The Council will be presenting a number of modifications to policies SC8 and EN2 on Thursday afternoon. However the Council does not now consider it appropriate to present a form of policy jointly agreed with CEG, given the concerns that are starting to be raised by local community and residents groups.

You will appreciate that discussing review of the HRA and SC8 with CEG in order to agree common ground was considered to be a technical process and was something the inspector identified as homework through the examination process, and we will be presenting SC8, broadly as agreed in the discussion last Tuesday 10th March in the context of modifications needed to the original content and context of the policy.

We are currently working on a programme for review and update of the HRA and this will link into the SA and review of modifications.

Regards

Jane

From: Penny Simpson [<mailto:Penny.Simpson@freeths.co.uk>]

Sent: 16 March 2015 12:05

To: 'King, John J (NE)'; Andrew Marshall; Jane Scott; Buddle, Zoe (NE); 'Nicholas Pincombe'; 'Jonathan Cox'

Subject: CEG suggested amendments to Policy EN2

Dear All

I am now attaching CEG's suggested amendments to Policy EN2 of the Core Strategy.

The amendments have been made (i) to reflect points of principle previously agreed (eg the relevance of the Habitats Directive derogation tests and of mitigation measures); (ii) to add clarity to the drafting; and (iii) to dovetail with agreed Policy SC8.

We would very much like to be able to present to the Inspector on Thursday afternoon an agreed form of this policy. With this in mind, I would like to request that Natural England and the Council responds with their respective comments by 5.30pm tomorrow, thereby giving us all an opportunity to reach agreement on any outstanding issues during Wednesday.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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