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Subject: Proposed modifications for consideration to SC8 - Protecting the South Pennine Moors and their zone of influence and modifications to Policy EN2 Biodiversity and Geodiversity

Hi Tony

The proposed modifications for consideration to SC8 - Protecting the South Pennine Moors and their zone of influence are part of the process of reporting back to the inspector from the earlier homework set. While the original text has benefited from the combined technical and drafting expertise present at meetings, the Council has now sought to insert this text back into the original policy framework. This text can be considered by all parties to represent a significant step forward, however it is the view of the Council and Natural England that it is likely to need some further consideration following review of the HRA, even if this is solely due to the fact that the accompanying text will need revision following consideration of wider modifications to the plan. In relation to delivery of the policy, further progress with this and consultation with Natural England will clearly be needed.

In relation to EN2, the modifications are not extensive, but the Council could present a brief explanation. Natural England will not be present, but others may wish to express a view. In presenting modifications the Council has taken into account the representation on the Publication Draft Plan from Natural England (that the policy needed to address SSSIs) and the matter 7D statement submitted in February from CEG Land Promotions Ltd. The Council has recently received further proposed amendments to EN2 from CEG on the basis that there is a strong link and overlap between SC8 and EN2. Mindful of the inspectors view at the opening session about the submission of further material from CEG, and also because the Council does not consider the link with SC8 to be a dominant element of EN2, these have been noted in so far as they coincide with the earlier statement but not otherwise considered in great detail. Time and resource constraints have not allowed full discussion to take place with Natural England.

Regards

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