

Bradford Local Plan

Core Strategy Examination

Matter 7D Environment

Further Statement on EN4

Date: 19th March

Venue: Victoria Hall, Saltaire

- 1.1 During the hearing into policy EN4 held on 19th march it was noted that a minor modification was required to provide clarity with regards the Esholt and Tong Valley landscape character areas. The following minor modification is proposed:

Policy EN4: Landscape

A. Development Decisions as well as Plans, policies and proposals should make a positive contribution towards the conservation, management and enhancement of the diversity of landscapes within the District of:

- Airedale
- Rombalds Ridge
- Thornton and Queensbury
- Wharfedale
- Esholt ~~Tong Valley~~
- **Tong Valley**
- South Bradford
- Pennine Upland
- Worth and North Beck Valley
- Wilsden

This should use the approach set out in the Landscape Character Assessment SPD.

B. The following criteria will also be used to assess whether change can be considered acceptable:

1. The potential for adverse landscape and/ or visual effects
2. The importance of cultural associations, historic elements in the landscape and the setting of settlements and heritage assets
3. The opportunity to contribute towards positive restoration of landscapes, particularly in the urban fringe, achieve greater habitat connectivity, enhancement of characteristic semi-natural vegetation and accessible natural greenspace.

In circumstances where impacts can be managed and the degree of change made acceptable, contributions need to relate to the scale of the project under consideration, the significance of any assets affected.

Where there is potential for adverse landscape and/ or visual effects, a landscape and visual impact assessment or appraisal will be required. Proposals also need to fulfil the criteria set out in Policy DS2 Working with the Landscape.