

# **Statement of the Representations Procedure and Document Availability and Schedule of Modifications**

## **Richmondshire Local Plan Core Strategy: Proposed modifications, June 2014**

### **1. Subject Matter and Area of Coverage:**

- 1.1 Richmondshire District Council submitted its Local Plan Core Strategy for independent examination on February 28 2013. The Core Strategy is the main part of the new Richmondshire Local Plan and contains the Council's vision, spatial principles, sub area strategies and core policies to guide development up to 2028 in the area of Richmondshire outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Examination hearings took place between 11 and 14 February 2014. Modifications were proposed during the hearings and are published for statutory representations to supplement representations received on the remainder of the document when it was initially published in July 2013.
- 1.2 The publication of the Local Plan Core Strategy Modifications updates the Submission draft of the Local Plan Core Strategy, published August 2012. The proposed modifications address factual changes, detailed issues raised in statutory representations and modifications required by changing national policy and guidance. Some policies have been remodeled to improve clarity but not affecting policy content or purpose. The publication of the Local Plan Core Strategy Modifications does not invite comments on any other aspect of the Local Plan Core Strategy.
- 1.3 For further information or if you would like this document in a different format or language please contact:

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### **2. Representations:**

- 2.1 The Local Plan Core Strategy Modifications can be downloaded from the Richmondshire District Council website

- 2.2 Representations on the Local Plan Core Strategy Modifications should be made either in writing to Community Development, Richmondshire District Council, Mercury House, Station Rd, Richmond, DL10 4JX or by email to [localplan@richmondshire.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@richmondshire.gov.uk) to be received **by 5pm on Tuesday 29 July 2014**. Late representations and representations on issues not relating to the modifications will not be accepted.
- 2.3 The purpose of the examination is to consider whether the Council's development plan complies with the legal requirements and is 'sound'. Legal requirements concern the way in which the Council has prepared its plan. Soundness concerns the content of the document and whether it has been positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. These terms are explained below.
- 2.4 Relevant representations should make it clear how the Council's modifications satisfy the legal compliance and soundness checks set out below and be supported by evidence showing whether the modifications should be changed and any suggestions about how they can be changed. Any representations received will be considered by the Planning Inspector alongside the published document and the representations already received by the Council.

#### **Legal Compliance**

- 2.5 The Local Plan Core Strategy document should meet the legal requirements under s20(5)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Localism Act 2011. You should consider the following before making a representation on legal compliance:
- The document should be within the current Richmondshire Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the key stages should have been followed in its preparation.
  - The process of community involvement for the document in question should be in general accordance with Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
  - The document should comply with the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Council must publish the documents prescribed in the regulations, make them available at its principal offices and on its website, place a local advertisement and notify general and specific consultation bodies (as set out in the regulations) and any persons who have requested to be notified.
  - The Local Planning Authority is required to provide a Sustainability Appraisal Report when it publishes a local plan, which is a tool to ensure policies reflect local social, environmental, and economic factors.

- The document must have regard to any Sustainable Community Strategy for its area (i.e. The Sustainable Community Strategies for North Yorkshire and Richmondshire).

### **Soundness**

2.6 A sound local development plan should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy (NPPF paragraph 182)

- **Positively prepared** - The plan should be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development.
- **Justified** - The plan should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence
- **Effective** - The plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities
- **Consistent with National Policy** - The plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework.

2.7 Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified of:

- the publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the local plan under Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 , and
- the adoption of the local plan.

### **3. Document Availability:**

3.1 The Proposed Modifications, Submission documents (Local Plan Core Strategy, Consultation Statement, Sustainability Appraisal and such supporting documents considered relevant to the Plan's preparation) are available for inspection on the Council's website and at the District Council office at Mercury House, Station Rd, Richmond

3.2 The Proposed Modifications and Submission documents only are available at Community offices in Colburn, Leyburn, Hawes and Reeth; Catterick Hive and libraries at Richmond, Catterick Garrison, Colburn and Leyburn - during normal opening hours (see attached list of current times).

3.3 Submission Assessments

- Equalities Impact Assessment (June 2012)
- Habitats (Regulations) Assessment (June 2012)

3.4 Consultation Documents

- Statement of Community Involvement (November 2006)
- Core Strategy Issues and Options (November 2009)
- Core Strategy - Preferred Strategy (June 2010)
- Local Strategy Statement (February 2011)
- Consultation on Control & Release of Sites for Development and Development Search Areas & Strategic Directions of Development for Richmond, Catterick Garrison and Leyburn (September 2011)
- Core Strategy Proposed Submission (August 2012)
- Development Target Review (August 2013)

3.5 Evidence Studies

- Richmondshire Employment-Led Demographic Forecasts (March 2014)
- Richmondshire Employment-Led Demographic Forecasts Analysis (April 2014)
- A Sustainable Future for Lower Wensleydale – Leyburn and Middleham (August 2009)
- Affordable Housing Economic Viability Assessment (September 2011)
- Annual Monitoring Report 2011 (December 2011)
- Catterick Garrison and Surrounding Area Strategic Transport Assessment (August 2011)
- Employment Land Review Update (January 2012)
- North West Yorkshire Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update (April 2010)
- Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Study (August 2012)
- Catterick Garrison Retail Impact Assessment November 2006
- Scrutiny of Population Estimates and Projections (January 2012)
- Settlement Facilities Study (June 2011)
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment (November 2011)
- Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (June 2010)

3.6 Other Plans & Strategies

- Catterick Garrison Town Long Term Development Plan (April 2008)
- Richmondshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2015 (Sep 2010)
- Richmondshire Council Plan 2011-2015 (Oct 2011)
- Richmondshire Local Plan 1999-2006 (September 2001), with Saved Policies list of September 2007
- North Yorkshire Community Plan 2011-2014

3.7 This is not an exhaustive list but comprises, in our opinion, the key background and reference studies and documents.

## Richmondshire Local Plan Core Strategy Post-Hearings Proposed Modifications Tracked Changes Version - Summary Table

M		Chapter		CP/SP/Title		Mod Number	Paragraph	Comment	Pre-Hearing Mod Ref	Post-Hearing Mod Ref
M	/	1	/	0	/	01	1.4	Factual Change to reflect Regional Spatial Strategy revocation in February 2013 and results of Development Target Review (August 2013)	M001	-
M	/	1	/	0	/	02	1.7	To reflect the new perspective on sub-regional issues introduced by the Local Enterprise Partnership. Draft Economic and Investment Strategy 7/10/13.	M002	-
M	/	1	/	0	/	03	1.8	Update to reflect expectations for additional guidance documents and as a consequence of other changes in this table	M003	YES
M	/	1	/	0	/	04	1.9	Representation – 9146 - Coal Authority Include reference to and role of Mineral Safeguarding Areas. This is detailed in Core Policy CP2.	M004	-
M	/	2	/	0	/	01	2.4	Factual Correction	M005	-
M	/	2	/	0	/	02	2.7,2.8	Impact of main 2011 Census results and Development Target Review August 2013.	M006	-
M	/	2	/	0	/	03	2.9,2.10	Update with 2011 Census results and additional SHMA reference.	M007	-
M	/	2	/	0	/	04	2.12	Update as a result of Army Basing Plan and Catterick Garrison town centre approval.	M008	-
M	/	2	/	0	/	05	2.18	Update reflecting changed circumstance of A1 upgrade	M009	-
M	/	2	/	0	/	06	2.14,2.15,2.16	Update as a result of completion of Economic Led Projection (2014)	-	YES

M	/	3	/	Vision	/	01	Vision	Representation – 2282 - English Heritage – Text clarification	M010	-
M	/	3	/	SO	/	01	Strategic Objectives	To reflect amalgamation of CP3 and CP4	-	YES
M	/	3	/	LO	/	01	Local Objectives	To reflect amalgamation of CP3 and CP4	-	YES
M	/	3	/	SP4	/	01	3.1.25,3.1.26,3.1.27	Updated as a result of Development Target Review (2013) publication.	M011	-
M	/	3	/	SP4	/	02	3.1.26	Management of housing target, not a ceiling	-	YES
M	/	3	/	SP4	/	03	3.1.30	Army Basing Plan update 2013	M012	-
M	/	3	/	SP4	/	04	3.1.31	GTAA Update	M013	-
M	/	3	/	SP4	/	05	SP4 Policy	Army Basing Plan update 2013	M014	-
M	/	3	/	SP4	/	06	3.1.25,3.1.26,3.1.27	Economic Led Projection 2014	-	YES
M	/	3	/	SP5	/	01	3.1.35	A1 upgrade update and reference to LEP	M015	-
M	/	3	/	SP5	/	02	3.1.37	A1 Upgrade update	M016	-
M	/	3	/	SP5	/	03	3.1.43,3.1.44	A1 Upgrade update	M017	-
M	/	3	/	SP5	/	04	SP5 Policy	A1 Upgrade update	M018	-
M	/	3	/	SP5	/	05	3.1.39	Factual Correction of anticipated job growth figure	-	YES
M	/	3	/	CRSS	/	01	3.2.1,3.2.2,3.2.3	Factual update to include 2011 Census Results.	M019	-
M	/	3	/	CRSS	/	02	3.2.4,3.2.5	Update to include reference to Army Basing review and assimilate military requirements	M020	-
M	/	3	/	CRSS	/	03	3.2.7	Definition of small scale housing development	-	YES
M	/	3	/	CRSS	/	04	3.2.9	Text clarification RE. CRSS Strategic Development Growth Area, R.Hildyard Rep 2679	-	YES
M	/	3	/	CRSS	/	05	Figure 8	Figure 8 image clarification RE. CRSS Strategic Development Growth Area, R.Hildyard Rep 2680	-	YES

M	/	3	/	CRSS	/	06	3.2.10	Replacement of policy 83 and update to reflect inclusion of town centre maps in Core Policy CP9	M021	-
M	/	3	/	CRSS	/	07	CRSS Policy after 3e	Align to NPPF wording re. Brownfield	-	YES
M	/	3	/	CRSS	/	08	CRSS Policy 5	Text clarification RE. CRSS Strategic Development Growth Area, R.Hildyard Rep 2679	-	YES
M	/	3	/	CRSS	/	09	CRSS Policy 5.a	Align to NPPF wording re. Brownfield	-	YES
M	/	3	/	CRSS	/	10	CRSS Policy after 6.h	A1 Upgrade update 2013	M022	-
M	/	3	/	LWSS	/	01	3.3.2	Update to reflect 2011 Census	M024	-
M	/	3	/	NRSS	/	01	3.4.3,3.4.4	Update to reflect 2011 Census	M025	
M	/	3	/	NRSS	/	02	3.4.7	A1 Upgrade update 2013	M023	-
M	/	3	/	NRSS	/	03	NRSS Policy	A1 Upgrade update 2013	M026	-
M	/	4	/	CP1	/	01	Title, 4.1.4, Policy Title	Renumber CP1 to reflect CP3/CP4 amalgamation	M027	-
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	01	Title, Policy Title	Renumber CP1 to reflect CP3/CP4 amalgamation	M028	
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	02	Policy Part 1a, 4.1.7	Reference to provision of larger scale copies of Energy Opportunities Map	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	03	Policy Part 1b, 4.1.9	Modify approach to adverse visual impacts	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	04	Policy Part 2a, 4.1.10, 4.1.11 & 4.1.12	Delete requirements for consequential improvements	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	05	Policy Part 2b, 4.1.11	Requirement for CSH Level 4 revised to exceed minimum standards where viable	M029	YES
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	06	Policy Part 2a, 4.1.11	Delete reference to BREEAM standard	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	07	Policy Part 3a-3d, 4.1.18	Improve wording regarding climate change adaptation - Environment Agency 9112	M030	-



M	/	4	/	CP2	/	08	4.1.7	Provide clarity on renewable energy target	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	09	4.1.10	Reference to planning considerations for renewable and low carbon energy development in NPPG	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	10	Policy Part 2a	Update to reflect text clarification in CRSS regarding strategic growth area	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	01	Title, 4.3.1, Policy Title	Renumber CP3 to reflect CP3/CP4 amalgamation	M032	-
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	02	Policy	Text addition to address waste minimisation, Environment Agency Rep 9112	M033	-
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	03	Policy	Modify brownfield priority to reflect national policy	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	04	Policy	Clarification of value of brownfield land, Natural England Rep 9117	M033	-
M	/	4	/	CP2	/	05	Policy	To ensure remediation of former mineral workings and include reference to and role of MSA's, Coal Authority Rep 9146	M033	-
M	/	4	/	CP3	/	01	Whole Section	Policy CP3 Deletion and amalgamation with CP4 to remove duplication. Greater clarity of the use of CP4 and supporting Settlement Development Guidance and 5 year land supply.	M034	-
M	/	4	/	CP4	/	01	Whole Section	Policy Deletion and amalgamation with CP4 to remove duplication. Greater clarity of the use of CP4 and supporting Settlement Development Guidance and 5 year land supply.	M034	-
M	/	4	/	CP4	/	02	Policy Part 1b	Renumbering of policy references to reflect CP3/CP4 amalgamation	M034	-
M	/	4	/	CP4	/	03	Policy Part 3b	To ensure consistency with Water Framework Directive, Dialogue with Environment Agency	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP4	/	04	4.4.9, Policy CP4a	Inspector Comment/ National Policy for Traveller Sites Requirements	M034	-
M	/	4	/	CP5	/	01	4.5.4	Additional reference to ageing population	-	YES

M	/	4	/	CP6	/	01	4.6.1 to 4.6.6 + 4.6.8 to 4.6.11 + Policy	Inspector Comments to include more detail from SPD to ensure regulatory compliance	M035	-
M	/	4	/	CP6	/	02	4.6.7	Inclusion of Calculation of Off-Site Affordable Housing from SPD	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP7	/	01	4.7.11	A1 Upgrade update 2013	M036	-
M	/	4	/	CP7	/	02	4.7.12	Update of reference to Infrastructure Delivery Plan		YES
M	/	4	/	CP8	/	01	Policy End	Update policy references to reflect Policy re-numbering		YES
M	/	4	/	CP9	/	01	4.9.3	Addition of reference to establishment of Town Centres Forum to assist in delivery of complementary town centre approach	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP9	/	02	Policy Part 2 & Figs	Replaces Local Plan policy 83. Definition of Retail and Commercial areas for Richmond, Catterick Garrison and Leyburn in policy and revised policy wording to reflect changes	M038	-
M	/	4	/	CP9	/	03	4.9.7	Update for clarity	M037	-
M	/	4	/	CP9	/	04	4.9.9	Update to reflect definition of retail and commercial areas for Richmond, Catterick Garrison and Leyburn. Replace Local Plan Policy 83	M039	-
M	/	4	/	CP9	/	05	4.9.9	Inclusion of intention to regularly healthcheck defined town centres	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP11	/	01	Title, Policy - Parts 1, 2, 2d, 3a, 3b, 4.11.6	Amend from Community and Recreation Assets to Community, Cultural and Recreation Assets, Theatres Trust Rep - 4504	M040	-
M	/	4	/	CP11	/	02	4.11.2	To reflect completion of settlement facilities study sporting supplement, Sport England Rep 9127	M041	-
M	/	4	/	CP11	/	03	4.11.3	Addition of reference to cultural buildings, Theatres Trust Rep 4504	M042	-
M	/	4	/	CP11	/	04	4.11.5	Correction	M043	-

M	/	4	/	CP11	/	05	4.11.5	Specification of how DDDPD will respond to underpinning updated evidence - shortfall and surpluses at settlement level	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP12	/	01	4.12.11, 4.12.12, 4.12.13, 4.12.16, Policy Part 1, 1b, 1c, 1d viii, 3	Policy restructured to provide greater clarity and consistency in presentation. Reps from English Heritage -2282, Natural England - 9117 and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust - 5514	M044	-
M	/	4	/	CP12	/	02	Policy Part 2c	Addition of reference to Humber River Basin Management Plan - Dialogue with Environment Agency	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP12	/	03	Policy 2 d iv	Textual clarification of agricultural countryside between Colburn Town, Colburn Village and Hipswell.	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP12	/	04	4.12.6	Addition of reference to green infrastructure to be defined in Delivering Development Plan	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP12	/	05	4.12.8	Textual clarification of agricultural countryside between Colburn Town, Colburn Village and Hipswell.	-	YES
M	/	4	/	CP13	/	01	4.13.3	Reflect replacement of Local Plan Policies 5, 12, 51, 88	M045	-
M	/	4	/	CP13	/	02	Policy End	Reflect replacement of Local Plan Policies 5, 12, 51, 88	M046	-
M	/	4	/	CP14	/	01	4.14.4	Correction	-	-
M	/	5	/	Infra	/	01	5.5	Inclusion of 5 year plan review cycle to clarify practical expectations for Local Plan Review	M047	-
M	/	5	/	Infra	/	02	5.6	Army Basing Plan Update 2013	-	YES
M	/	5	/	Infra	/	03	5.12	A1 Upgrade update 2013	M048	-
M	/	5	/	Infra	/	04	5.15	Change to reflect ongoing discussions with YW	M049	-
M	/	5	/	Infra	/	05	5.21	Correction and update to reflect renumbering of CP1 to CP2	M050	-

M	/	5	/	Infra	/	06	IDP Table	Update to reflect change in position of projects and funding, removal of projects that are not essential to facilitate the delivery of the strategy A1 Upgrade update, A6136 update + funding changes. Include education costs.	M051	YES
M	/	5	/	Mon	/	01	Table 7	Re-number policy references to reflect CP3/CP4 amalgamation	M034	-
M	/	5	/	Mon	/	02	Table 7	Change Indicator to provide more rounded indicator on renewable energy	-	YES
M	/	5	/	Mon	/	03	Table 7	Reflect deletion of consequential improvement requirements	-	YES
M	/	5	/	Mon	/	04	Table 7	Reflect policy change to Code for Sustainable Homes Requirements	-	YES
M	/	5	/	Mon	/	05	Table 7	Reflect deletion of requirement for BREEAM very good standard	-	YES
M	/	5	/	Mon	/	06	Table 7	Dialogue with Environment Agency - 9112	M030	YES
M	/	5	/	Mon	/	07	Table 7	Removal of typing error	-	YES
M	/	5	/	Mon	/	08	Table 7	Clarification that affordable housing requirement is subject to viability	-	YES
M	/	5	/	Mon	/	09	Table 7	To reflect inclusion of intention to healthcheck town centres	-	YES
M	/	5	/	Mon	/	10	Table 7	Reflect policy CP9 inclusion of town centre boundaries	M038	-
M	/	5	/	Mon	/	11	Table 7	Reflect inclusion of reference to Humber River Basin Management Plan - Joint written statement with Environment Agency 9112	-	YES
M	/	5	/	Annex1	/	01	Annex 1	To reflect replacement and incorporation of policies within Core Strategy contained in preceding modifications or simply superseded.	M052	-