

INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	PLANNING COMMITTEE	27 FEBRUARY 2019	7
WYRE LOCAL PLAN 2011-2031 - PUBLICATION OF PLANNING INSPECTOR'S REPORT			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 7 February 2019, Wyre Council published the Report on the Examination of the Wyre Council Local Plan 2011 to 2031 (Inspector's Report), including the Inspector's Schedule of Main Modifications (MM) to the Local Plan.

The Inspector has concluded that, with the Main Modifications he has recommended, the Wyre Local Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the 2004 Act and meets the criteria for soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Main Modifications in so far as they relate to the key issues addressed in Fylde Council's representations can be summarised as follows:

- Increasing the housing requirement and adjusting the spatial distribution of development to reflect opportunities to support development in locations which are or can be made sustainable
- Clarifying the components of housing land supply, the assumptions that will be relied upon to calculate the five-year supply and the role of a Housing Implementation Strategy
- Ensuring that the strategic and generic policies, including those relating to the Green Belt and housing, are positively prepared, justified, effective, consistent with national policy, and clear to the decision maker
- Requiring an early review of the Local Plan, commencing in 2019, so that objectively assessed housing needs are fully met over the Plan period

The Inspector noted that 'Whether Wyre can meet its own Objectively Assessed Needs (OAN) for housing has been a significant issue for the examination' and that 'Fylde's Local Plan which was adopted in October 2018 includes reference to the possibility of an early review to meet any need that cannot be met in Wyre but this does not constitute a firm commitment.' Accordingly he has amended the wording of the MMs to reflect the objective of Wyre meeting its own housing OAN, noting that the Duty to Co-operate is not a 'duty to agree'.

SOURCE AND LINK TO INFORMATION

Wyre Borough Council - http://www.wyre.gov.uk/info/200319/emerging_planning_policies

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

Fylde Council made representations to the Examination in Public and this information is provided to the committee in order to keep them informed of the outcome of those representations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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