

Winchester District Local Plan Review
Analysis of Representations on the Revised Deposit Plan

Issue: 2.1 (Deposit 2.3)

RD02.01

Paragraph 2.10

Representations:

Partially resolved:

J Hayter (138/1)

Welcomes the change from 'means' to 'includes' in RD02.01, however, the last sentence does not follow on from the preceding. It also implies a departure from Government and Structure Plan policies. If so, this should be justified on a case by case basis.

Change sought - either delete last sentence of 2.10 or identify the Proposals concerned and the 'local emphasis' that justifies a deviation from government and Structure Plan Policies.

Objections:

Save Barton Farm Group (175/2)

Object to the statement in RD02.01 that the Local Plan ensures strategies are relevant to specific local circumstances and needs. As the siting of an MDA at Barton Farm is not relevant to local circumstances, the premise of the Local Plan is not applied and so is false.

Change sought –omit the statement 'the Local Plan...interprets Government and Structure Plan strategies, so as to ensure they are relevant to the District's circumstances and needs.'

City Council's response to representation

The support for the change is welcomed.

The last sentence of paragraph 2.10 (RD02.01) does not infer that there have been, or will be any deviation from Government guidance or that this will be encouraged. The Local Plan accepts the need to have regard to national policies and be in general conformity with the Structure Plan policies. However, it is important to take into account local characteristics of the District and individual settlements when implementing Government and Structure Plan strategies. It is not considered necessary to make any further amendments to the last sentence of 2.10 as requested by the objector.

The issues surrounding the justification of the reserve MDA have been addressed at Issue 12.27 of the Deposit Plan. The Local Plan Review is required to be in general conformity with the Hampshire Structure Plan and in doing so has defined a site for 2000 units at Barton Farm. Should the site ever be triggered, it will be so as to meet a housing need in this geographical area of Hampshire.

The reserve MDA is certainly relevant to local circumstances and if triggered, will contribute to providing for the housing needs of Winchester and other parts of northern Hampshire.

Change Proposed – none.