

10th November 2022

Dear Mrs Mulloy

Examination of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2038
Copeland Borough Council Response to the Inspector's Initial Questions

Thank you for confirming that the Local Plan being examined incorporates the Addendum (July 2022).

We can confirm that the suggested modifications that have been submitted (refs. CD14, CD15, CD16 and CD17) have not been subject to consultation. A number of them have been discussed with the specific objector and have been included in the Statements of Common Ground we have produced with a number of statutory and key consultees (refs. DTC2 to DTC11), but that is the extent of engagement we have undertaken.

We would like to request that through the Examination you recommend and Main Modifications that are considered necessary to make the Plan sound/legally compliant please.

In response to your specific questions:

Neighbourhood Plans

We can confirm that there are no adopted or active neighbourhood plans in the Copeland Local Plan area. Two parishes, St Bees and Millom Without, were designated as Neighbourhood Planning Areas in December 2012 but have not progressed to any formal stage with a neighbourhood plan.

Playing Pitch Strategy

The Stage C Report for all sports will be submitted to Sport England for sign off this week. A draft has already been circulated and agreed by the sports' National Governing Bodies so we hope that Sport England's sign off process will be quick. Sport England have previously seen and have commented on the draft which has been updated in light of their comments.

The draft Stage D document is almost complete and will be shared with the National Governing Bodies and Sport England very soon for comment and sign off following a Steering Group meeting. We hope to have their sign off and the report completed by the end of 2022.

Venue for the Hearing Sessions

We can confirm the venue for the hearing as the Bainbridge Room, the Copeland Centre, Catherine Street, Whitehaven, CA28 7SJ.

I hope this provides you with all the information you need, and if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

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