

### Appeal Ref. 3304774: Updated Planning Policy Position

The issues and discussion in the planning policy response from August 2022 remain valid, and the update below is primarily to provide an indication of weight that can be attached in the emerging policies in the Copeland Local Plan.

The Examination is now entering its later stages; the Public Hearings took place in February and March 2023 and the Council has completed all of the Actions from the Inspector.

Whilst the schedule of Main Modifications to the Local Plan has not yet been finalised and published for consultation, which would have provided a published updated position in terms of likely changes to the Copeland Local Plan Publication Draft, we are able to provide an updated position regarding weight of policies following the discussions during the Hearings.

The weight that can be attached to each emerging policy listed in the Council's Statement of Case with regard to this appeal is shown in the table below.

Policy	Weight that can be attached to the Policy	Comment
DS1PI	N/A	This policy will be moved to the supporting text of the Plan as it largely duplicates the NPPF
DS2PU	Limited	It is likely that this policy will be moved to supporting text to avoid duplication with other policies. Any criteria that would not constitute duplication would then be included within other policies in the Plan.
DS3PU	Significant	There are no significant changes proposed to this policy following the Hearings, and nothing that would impact on Drigg's position in the hierarchy and scale of development.
DS4PU	Significant	Any modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change. It is very unlikely there will be any change to the proposed settlement boundary for Drigg
DS5PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change
DS6PU	Moderate	A number of potential modifications are likely to this policy, but most are rewording criteria rather than fundamentally changing them. There may also be a couple of additional criteria proposed.
DS7PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change
DS8PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change
DS9PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change
H1PU	Significant	It is unlikely there will be any proposed modifications to this policy
H2PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change

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H3PU	Significant	It is unlikely there will be any proposed modifications to this policy
H4PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change
H5PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change.  No change is proposed to the site allocation for Drigg.
H6PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change
H7PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change
H8PU	Moderate	The fundamental requirement of the policy (i.e. to provide at least 10% affordable housing) is likely to remain unchanged.  However, it is likely there will be proposed modifications to reflect the requirement for First Homes. In addition to this there is also the potential introduction of a viability review mechanism later in the development to allow for the potential for increased affordable housing. These potential modifications would strengthen the Policy and bring it in line with national guidance.
H15PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change and will strengthen the policy
N1PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change and will bring it into complete accordance with the NPPF
N2PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change and will strengthen the policy
N3PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change
N6PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change and will strengthen the policy
CO4PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change and will bring it into complete accordance with the NPPF
CO5PU	Significant	Any proposed modification is likely to be a minor clarification rather than substantive change and will strengthen the policy
CO7PU	Significant/Limited	The first two paragraphs of the policy, relating to parking standards, are very unlikely to change and therefore can be given significant weight.  The second part of the policy is likely to be deleted to avoid duplication and confusion following the change to Building Regulations to cover electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Policy	Weight that can be attached to the Policy	Comment
		As such the second part of the policy can only be given limited weight.