

City Council Response to E-Mail from Cllr Ewan Mackey

The consultation letter, the response form and the material available on the Council's website all make it clear that the consultation is in respect of both the Proposed Main Modifications and the Revised Sustainability Appraisal. At no point in the process has the Council sought to disguise this.

In relation to the Main Modifications, the Council has sought to make it clear that:

- This consultation only relates to the Main Modifications and not to aspects of the Plan that are unchanged.
- These represent the changes to the Plan that the inspector considers are required for it to be found sound, on the basis of the evidence that he currently has before him.
- All of the responses received will be considered by the inspector before he produces his final report and recommendations on the Plan.

These points were made clear in the consultation letter, and on the website, and in the case of points one and three above, also on the response form.

As a matter of fact, the Proposed Main Modifications do not change the principle of the green belt allocations in policies GA5 and GA6, although there are detailed changes to the wording of these policies. Officers have made this point in discussions with elected members and members of the public, in an attempt to assist those wishing to respond.

The Council does not therefore consider that there is any substance to the points raised by Cllr Mackey.