Cornwall Local Plan Examination - Resumption

Council’s response to Inspector’s note L1.ID.6 on Policy 26

This note aims to signpost the responses to this advice in further amendments recommended to policies and supporting text of the plan.

The changes are shown in a schedule of further changes document, to be published on Friday 6th of May 2016.

Coastal Change Management Areas

**4 (Bullet 1):** Policy 26 (flood risk and coastal change) makes it clear that any development should be consistent with any adopted strategic, local and coastal management strategy. The supporting text to Policy 26 makes reference to the Shoreline Management Plan and Catchment Flood Management Plans for Cornwall.

The Cornwall Shoreline Management Plan 2 (SMP2) was drafted in December 2010. Part of the Cornwall SMP2 is under review and is due to be finalised later this year. The SMP 2 identifies some areas where there may be significant shoreline change over the next 100 years. A Coastal Change Management Area for Downderry and West Seaton is being taken on board as part of a Neighbourhood Plan.

As a result of the review, the Council considers that the best approach would be to adopt a policy that is aligned to current and future adopted strategies to allow flexibility and updates to be considered.

Part 2b of Policy 26 allows for community led strategies and solutions to coastal change and this would enable Neighbourhood Plans to allocate Coastal Change Management Areas, such as the one proposed in Downderry and West Seaton. The Allocations Development Plan Document could designate CCMAs should the further work recommend this.

The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Cornwall also identifies the SMP 2 management units (including management type) on an interactive map [https://map.cornwall.gov.uk/website/ccmap/index.html?zoomlevel=1&xcoord=169504&ycoord=69040](https://map.cornwall.gov.uk/website/ccmap/index.html?zoomlevel=1&xcoord=169504&ycoord=69040). In addition, the SMP2 was also given consideration in the Sustainability Appraisal undertaken for the Local Plan.

**Bullet 2** The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Shoreline Management Plan 2 identifies various areas that are subject to significant shoreline change over the next 100 years, taking into account climate change.
A number of these areas are subject to a partial review of the Shoreline Management Plan 2 and as a result, the approach to their management may change.

(Bullet 3) The Shoreline Management Plan 2 is currently under partial review and it is considered that the best approach is to have a Local Plan policy that is aligned to current and future Shoreline Management Plans and other strategies, with possible CCMA designations through neighbourhood plans and the forthcoming Allocations DPD, if future versions of the SMP consider this necessary.

(Bullet 4) To strengthen the policy wording, it is proposed to add additional text to Part 1 of Policy 26 (Modification 50)

It is also proposed to amend the supporting text (after paragraph 2.116) to policy 26, to include reference to the SFRA interactive mapping which features the SMP2 management units. (Modification 49)

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