

**EXAMINATION OF THE CORNWALL SITE ALLOCATIONS  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE INSPECTORS  
FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON MAIN MODIFICATIONS  
31 JULY 2018**

**Introduction**

1. By a note Ref **INSP.S15** the Inspectors sought further clarification with respect to Further Information provided by the Council under Ref **CC.S10.1-3** in response to **INSP.S14**.
2. By Document Ref **CC.S11.1**, the Council has now provided the clarification sought, together with Document Ref **CC.S11.2**, providing an updated Schedule of [Proposed] Modifications (**Version 4, 26 July 2018**) together with Document **CC.S11.3**, a version of the Plan showing those proposed modifications by way of 'track changes' for reference.
3. The Schedule of Modifications includes both Main Modifications (MMs) which affect the soundness of the Plan as well as Additional Minor Modifications (AMs) which do not affect soundness and are matter for the Council outside the scope of the Examination.
4. The Inspectors are satisfied that it is now appropriate for the Council to proceed to publish the Proposed MMs for public consultation. Ultimately, it is the MMs only which will be scheduled in an Appendix to the Report on the Examination and **for convenience the Council is advised to separate them into two schedules at this stage.**

**Proposed Main Modifications Consultation**

5. ***The public consultation on the schedule of proposed MMs (CC.S11.2) should be equivalent to the pre-submission consultation on the Plan under Regulation 19 of the Local Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended).***
6. ***It is necessary for the Council to ensure that any evidence or studies related to the proposed MMs are updated and made publicly available, including the Sustainability Appraisal (SA).***
7. In the interests of providing a full opportunity to the public to understand and comment upon the MMs in relation to the soundness of the Plan, ***the publication of the MMs should be accompanied by all graphical changes to the Policies Map as well as all post-submission documentary evidence which supports the MMs, including the SA, updated to cover the MMs.*** It is a separate matter entirely for the Council whether to publish minor modifications at the same time.

8. ***The MM consultation should run for a minimum of six weeks, after which the Council is requested to submit to the Inspectors a report on the representations received, any fresh issues they raise and its responses.***
9. It is emphasised that the publication of the Proposed MMs is without prejudice to the ultimate findings and recommendations of the Inspectors.
10. On receipt and consideration of the MM representations and Council responses, the Inspectors will proceed to finalise their Report, with the important proviso that they will first consider whether further written evidence or an oral Hearing is necessary.

#### **Further Action**

11. ***The Council is asked to acknowledge these recommendations with any queries and to indicate the timescale of the consultation proposed.***
12. The formal public consultation should be accompanied by explanatory material broadly in the foregoing terms, including cross references to all post-submission evidence documents which are relevant to the Proposed MMs. The explanation should highlight that representations on the Proposed MMs may refer to and draw upon those relevant evidence documents.
13. The MM consultation is strictly a matter for the Council but the Inspectors are ready to review and advise upon its format and content publication.

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