

Blackpool Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies (SADMP)

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EXAMINATION HEARINGS DAY 1 (AM)

MATTER 1

All hearing sessions will take place digitally using MS Teams. This Agenda should be read alongside the Matters, Issues and Questions and responses to them and the Inspector Guidance Notes. The discussion on each agenda item will also consider the main modifications proposed by the Council in EL1.002b where necessary.

10:00am Monday 6 December 2021 (AM Session)

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening from the Inspector and the Council

MATTER 1 - Is the SADMP legally compliant, have the relevant procedural requirements been met and has the Duty to Co-operate (DtC) been complied with?

Issue (i): Has the DtC been complied with?

1. Has the Council engaged constructively and on an ongoing basis with all relevant organisations on any strategic matters in accordance with the DtC?
2. How does the SADMP address any cross-boundary issues that have emerged as a result of engagement with prescribed bodies?
3. What are the outcomes of the DtC?

Issue (ii): Does the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) comply with the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (SEA Directive) and the Environmental Assessment of

Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the SEA Regulations)?

1. Has the SA process complied with the requirements of the SEA Directive and the SEA Regulations?
2. Has the SA process been genuinely iterative and carried out in step with the stages of plan preparation?
3. Is the Council's approach to reasonable alternatives for the development management policies justified?
4. Are the reasonable alternatives considered by the SA sufficiently distinct to highlight the different sustainability implications of each?

Issue (iii): Is the SADMP supported by a robust approach to Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)?

1. Is the HRA adequate and is the SADMP consistent with its findings? Have Natural England's concerns been overcome?

Issue (iv): Has the SADMP been produced in accordance with the Regulations and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and Local Development Scheme (LDS)?

1. Does the SADMP make explicit which, if any, of its policies are strategic or not?
 - a. What does the Council mean by some policies of the SADMP having strategic element?
2. Does the SADMP clearly state where a policy is intended to supersede another policy in the adopted development plan and identify the superseded policy or policies?
3. Has consultation on the SADMP been carried out in accordance with the Council's SCI?
4. Have the publication, advertisement and availability of the SADMP followed the statutory procedures set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) England Regulations 2012?
5. Has the SADMP been prepared in accordance with LDS?

Issue (v): To what extent does the SADMP contain policies designed to secure that the development and use of land in the Borough contributes to the mitigation of, and adaption to, climate change?

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