

Council - 12th October 2016

Agenda Item 4

Green Party Amendment to the Local Plan

Description of the proposed amendment to Policy PLP 42 (Proposals for production of hydrocarbons)

The amendment is to make the policy in line with ongoing UK Government commitments in the 2008 Climate Change Act and as signatories to the COP21 Paris Agreement

Amendment as follows:

That **policy PLP 42 (Proposals for production of hydrocarbons)** in the draft Local plan papers which it is proposed be approved for publication for consultation by the Council be amended by adding a new **criterion as follows:**

“Where a proposal demonstrates that it will have a net zero impact on climate change.

Conservative Group Amendments to the Local Plan

Description of the why the proposed amendments are required to the Policies

1. Policy 4 Infrastructure Planning

This policy seeks to ensure that where new infrastructure is required to support new development that this is operational in time. Experience has shown that existing policies which have sought to secure this via planning conditions or legal agreements have not been rigorously enforced resulting in developments being brought forward without the necessary infrastructure to support them.

2. Policy DLP 22 Parking

This policy supports the development of “convenient, safe & secure “ car parking as required by NPPF but only considers provision within town centres which it describes in 9.64 as “particularly Huddersfield, Dewsbury & Batley”.

The provision of convenient, safe & secure car parking is equally essential to support the vitality of all district and local centres such as Almondbury, Birstall, Cleckheaton, Denby Dale, Kirkburton Heckmondwike, Marsden, Mirfield & Shepley, to name but a few.

This amendment is consistent with Kirklees Economic Strategy which recognises the vital roles local and district centres play in the development of the local economy.

3. Policy DLP27 Renewable and low carbon energy

This policy utilises out of date evidence in the form of landscape sensitivity maps to indicate places where wind turbines may be located. These do not therefore take account of existing turbines and cumulative impact or impact on amenity. There is nothing new in the policy to protect people from nuisance which has in some cases become a serious problem.

Proposed amendments:

The following policies in the draft Local plan papers which it is proposed be approved for publication for consultation by the Council be amended as follows:

That the policy 4 (Infrastructure Planning) be amended by inserting an additional sentence which states that where new infrastructure is required, the council will expect phasing plans to be submitted as part of planning applications and where appropriate, will link the construction and occupation of that development to infrastructure provision.

That first criterion of the Policy DLP 22 (Parking) is amended to widen the text to include 'town, district and local centres' and to amend the supporting text to reflect the same.

That the Council develops a Supplementary Policy Document (SPD) to cover the issue of a set back distance from dwellings in respect of wind turbines for safety purposes.