Examination of Doncaster Local Plan

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INSPECTOR’S NOTE NO. 12:
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS FOR MATTERS 13-16

Introduction

I have read all of the written statements for matters 13-16 which are due to be considered at the fourth week of hearing sessions. In order to inform the discussion at those sessions, the Council is requested to submit a brief written response to the following supplementary questions to the Programme Officer by midday on Friday 23 October 2020.

M13. Natural and built environment

No supplementary questions at this stage.

M14. Other environment issues

Renewable and low carbon energy

SQ14.5. Having considered the Doncaster Landscape Character Assessment Update: Sensitivity to Wind Energy Development (August 2020)¹, the Council has suggested main modifications to policy 60 parts A and B, paragraphs 14.18 and 14.19, and Figure 13 along with change to policies map. Could the Council prepare a statement of common ground with RWE Renewables in relation to those suggested main modifications.

M15. Minerals

Mineral safeguarding areas

SQ15.4. Turley point out that the mineral safeguarding area includes much of the airport policy area, including the operational area (terminal, hangars and part of the runway), and claim that the requirements of policy 62 part B are incompatible with the operational activities of the airport. I note that paragraph 14.55 in the Plan states that mineral safeguarding areas are identified under developed/sterilised areas to allow for prior extraction consideration should this be appropriate as part of a redevelopment/regeneration scheme; that

¹ AE16.1 to AE16.4.
development proposals allocated in the Plan are deemed to be of greater economic importance and have been allocated over the mineral safeguarding area; and that proposals for temporary, permitted or minor development are not required to consider the impact of mineral sterilisation. There then follows a list of “safeguarding exemption criteria” which comprises various types of, mainly minor, development but also includes “applications for development on land already allocated in the adopted local plan”. Is it sufficiently clear how policy 62 part B is intended to be applied to (a) proposals in accordance with policies relating to sites allocated in the Plan and (b) proposals for other development within the airport policy area?

**M16. Other issues**

No supplementary questions at this stage.

**William Fieldhouse**
INSPECTOR
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