

Local Plan – Core Strategy

Proposed Main Modifications

Representation Form

July 2015

The publication period:

The publication will run from **13 July 2015 to 10 August 2015**.

Submitting your comments:

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- By emailing this form to: programme.officer@herefordshire.gov.uk
- By posting this form to:
Programme Officer,
c/o Herefordshire Council,
Plough Lane, Hereford, HR1 0LE

This form can be downloaded from the above website or you can request a form by e-mailing ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk alternatively, copies are available at all Customer Service Centres in the county.

Please note that comments must be submitted in writing. Telephone or social media comments cannot be accepted.

Filling in the form:

This form has two parts:

- You must complete Part A, which asks for your personal details.
- Part B should be used to comment on the soundness of the modification. Please ensure that Part A and B are joined together when submitting your comments to the Inspector.

Your comments:

- No comments will be accepted after **10 August 2015**.
- All comments will be considered by the Planning Inspector as part of the examination of the Plan. The Inspector may wish to contact you to discuss your comments and concerns, prior to concluding the formal examination into the Plan.
- Please do not repeat your previous comments as these have already been considered by the Planning Inspector. **Comments will only be accepted that refer to main modification MM067.**
- The personal information in Part A will only be used for purposes related to the consultation and the Herefordshire Local Plan examination. Only your name and/or organisation will be published. However other information will be shared with the Planning Inspector. The information in Part B will be published in full on the Council's website.

Purpose of the publication:

The purpose of the Local Plan examination is to enable the Inspector to decide whether the Plan is 'sound', legally compliant and has been produced in accordance with national planning policy and the relevant legislation. A more detailed explanation of the examination process is set out in Part B of the form. It will assist the Inspector if you are able to bear in mind the purpose of the examination when you are completing the form, and relate your representation to these points whenever possible.

Comments must be submitted by no later than 10 August 2015.

If you need help to understand this document, or would like it in another format or language, please contact the Planning Policy Team at ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk

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Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy Proposed Main Modifications

Part A

Personal details

Title:Dr..... Initials:.....N A..... Surname: ~~Geeson~~.....

Job title (where relevant): -

Company/Organisation (where relevant):=.....

LDF number:
(If you have made a comment on a previous LDF consultation then please enter your reference here)

Address 1:.... Address 2:.....

Address 3:..... Address 4:.....

Postcode:.....

Telephone number:.....

Email address:.....

Preferred contact method: ...email.....

If you are an agent,
Please indicate the name of the client that you represent:... -

If you **do not** wish to receive further information about the Core Strategy Examination, please tick:

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Part B

Comments on soundness

All representations will be considered by the Planning Inspector as part of the examination of the Plan. The purpose of the examination is to enable the inspector to decide whether the Plan is 'sound'. For a Plan to be sound, it must be:

- **Legally compliant.** This means that the Plan meets the legal requirements under Section 20(5) (a) of the 2004 Act (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- **Positively prepared.** This means that the Plan should seek to meet objectively assessed needs and infrastructure requirements where it is reasonable to do so and where this is consistent with achieving sustainable development.
- **Justified.** This means that the Plan should be the most appropriate strategy, considered against reasonable alternatives.
- **Effective.** This means that the Plan should be deliverable and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary priorities.
- **Consistent with national policy.** This means that the Plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.

You should bear these considerations in mind when making your comments.

B1. Which part of the proposed main modifications does this comment relate to?

Modification .

MM067

B2. Do you consider the proposed main modification addresses the following issues in relation to the policy concerned?

	Yes	No
Legally compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Positively prepared	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consistent with national policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B3. If you have ticked no to any box in question B2, please give your reasons below with regards to

the Tests of Soundness?

Potential wind energy may not be confined to the rural environment, and therefore identification of sites based on a Rural Areas Site Allocation Development Plan may not be sufficient. There should also be mention of potential wind energy development in the urban landscape.

Devolving identification of potential sites to Neighbourhood Plans is unlikely to be effective. The potential constraints of Neighbourhood Plans should be considered. For example, Neighbourhood Plan steering groups are not elected and are simply a group of interested people. They work in a voluntary capacity and may not have the knowledge or expertise to provide guidance on the advantages or disadvantages of developing wind energy. They may not be able to provide the population of the parish with all the information they need to make collective decisions on approval or disapproval.

B4. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan – Core Strategy Proposed Main Modification legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of the policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Note that wind energy might be exploited in the urban environment as well as the rural environment and make provision for this.

Remove the expectation of devolvement to Neighbourhood Plans steering groups to identify potential sites accurately.

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to justify the representation and the suggested change. There will not normally be an opportunity to make further representations. After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the independent Inspector based on the matters and issues identified for examination.

Name:Nichola Geeson.....

Signature:

Date: ..4/25.....