

Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy

Main Modifications – Addendum B

Explanatory Note

Policy SD2 – Renewable and low carbon energy

Context

Following the publication of the Ministerial Statement on 18 June 2015, the Inspector appointed to undertake the Examination in Public of the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy has requested that the Council address the implications of the statement by making any necessary additional modifications. The Inspector's letter can be viewed on the Council's website.

The Ministerial Statement sets out new considerations to be applied to proposed wind energy development. The statement indicates that when determining planning applications for wind energy development involving one or more wind turbines, local planning authorities should only grant planning permission if:

- the development site is in an area identified as suitable for wind energy development in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan; and
- following consultation, it can be demonstrated that the planning impacts identified by affected local communities have been fully addressed and therefore the proposal has their backing.

The Ministerial Statement can be seen in full at:

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-vote-office/June%202015/18%20June/1-DCLG-Planning.pdf>

Further Proposed Main Modification

Following the Inspector's letter the Council is publishing a further Main Modification to ensure that the Core Strategy is in conformity with the latest Ministerial Statement. The further main modification proposes additional wording in Policy SD2 and its reasoned justification.

The Main Modification is being published for comment between 13 July and 10 August.

Details of how to comment will be on the Council's website from 13 July.

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