



Development Plans
St Helens Council
Merseyside

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(via email)

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Dear Inspectors

St Helens Borough Local Plan – Examination in Public

Thank you for the post-hearings advice letter, dated 1 September.

Council Officers are currently in the process of preparing the main modifications identified as required through the Examination process.

In relation to the open space next to the Sankey Valley Industrial Estate referred to in your post-hearings advice letter (INSP014), the Council has prepared a separate note. The Council consider this area of land to be fulfilling an open space role. However, the open space typology would need updating to reflect the site characteristics, which would require a main modification to the Plan. Further details are provided in the associated Sankey Valley Industrial Estate Open Space note.

In terms of the timetable for progressing the Local Plan, it is currently envisaged (subject to confirmation) that a meeting of Cabinet on 10 November will consider the proposed main modifications to the Plan. Subject to these arrangements being confirmed and subsequent approval by Cabinet at its meeting on 10 November, public consultation on the proposed main modifications is anticipated to begin the following week. This consultation is expected to end in mid-January.

I trust this information is useful in terms of timetabling future work. Should any further information or clarification be required, please let us know.

Regards

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