

Council Response to Richard Anstis for Tyle Mill Consultation Note (EXAM 8)

1. Introduction

1.1. The Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission) consultation was published on 4th January 2021 for a six week consultation closing on 15th February 2021. Two webpages were published at the time on the Council's website.

- The Consultation home page <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/mwlpps> referred to in Mr Anstis' note (EXAM8), and
- Supporting Information and Evidence Base <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/mwevidencebase>.

1.2. The Proposed Submission consultation home page (mwlpps) included details about the consultation and how to respond, as well as links to the consultation documents. Under the heading "Consultation Documents" three links were provided

- Proposed Submission Minerals and Waste Local Plan (direct link to the document)
- Policies Map (direct link to the document and the online version)
- Supporting Documents and the Evidence Base (separate webpage - mwevidencebase)

2. Ecology Reports

2.1. Mr Anstis' note (EXAM8) states that the Ecology reports included within the Exam Library were not available at the Regulation 19 consultation (Proposed Submission).

2.2. At the time of the Regulation 19 (proposed submission) consultation the ecology reports were available on the Council's website as part of the evidence base. The table called 'Evidence Documents for the Minerals and Waste Local Plan', included "Ecology - Preliminary Ecological Appraisals for sites". At the time of the consultation a link was included to the specific page on the Council's website which included the ecology reports, in a similar way to the way the landscape reports are referenced on this page.

2.3. Since the consultation took place the council's approach to the publication of ecological information has changed, and as a result the reports are referred to as part of the evidence base, but only available on request. This is due to the sensitive nature of the information contained within the ecological appraisals, which could result in harm to protected species. As a result the link to the ecology reports was removed and replaced with the following statement "*The Council do not routinely publish these assessments as they can contain sensitive information that may be harmful for protected species if it was made available. Reports can be made available on request.*"

2.4. The examination library includes all supporting and evidence base documents individually. However, although the Preliminary Ecological Assessments are listed, there is no link to the documents themselves for the reason described

above. They are accompanied by the following note *“The Preliminary Ecological Assessments have been submitted for examination along with the other evidence base documents. However, the Council do not routinely publish these assessments as they can contain sensitive information that may be harmful for protected species if it was made available.”*

3. Statement of Consultation (CD004)

3.1. The Statement of Consultation (SoC) was updated following the Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission) consultation to make note of the consultation itself, as required by Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The previous version of the SoC was included as a supporting document as part of the Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission) consultation (although it is noted that the version on the Proposed Submission evidence base webpage now displays the July 2021 version, due to the way that the media items on the website are updated). A copy of the Proposed Submission version of the SoC is enclosed and can be made available on the website if required.

4. Representations (CD005A, B, C)

4.1. These documents provide the links to the representations received as part of the Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission) consultation, as required by Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Duty to Cooperate Statement (CD006)

5.1. As with the Statement of Consultation, the Duty to Cooperate (DtC) Statement was updated following the Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission) consultation to ensure a record of any additional DtC work was included within the document submitted for the examination, as the Duty applies until submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State. It is noted that the version of this document on the Proposed Submission evidence base webpage now displays the July 2021 version, due to the way that media items on the website are updated. A copy of the Proposed Submission version of the DtC Statement is enclosed and can be made available on the website if required.

6. Statement of Common Ground (CD007)

6.1. At the time of the Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission) consultation a draft Statement of Common Ground was published, which had not been signed by all parties, although it had been agreed at officer level. Upon submission the final signed version of the Statement of Common Ground was published on the Examination Library webpage alongside the other submitted documents (although it is noted that the version on the Proposed Submission evidence base webpage now displays the July 2021 version, due to the way that the media items on the website are updated). A copy of the Proposed Submission version of the Statement of Common Ground is enclosed and can be made available on the website if required.

7. Authority Monitoring Report (EB001)

7.1 At the time of the Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission) consultation, a link was provided on the evidence base webpage to the Minerals and Waste Authority Monitoring Reports, Local Aggregates Assessments and Local Waste Assessment webpage. The Examination Library has included the latest Authority Monitoring Report as EB001.