
Subject:	DOVER DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN - SUBMISSION OF SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS (ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS)
Date:	22 March 2023
Decision to be taken by:	Sarah Platts, Head of Planning and Development (in consultation with Portfolio Holder for Planning and Environment)
Report of:	Ashley Taylor, Planning Policy and Projects Manager
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Nick Kenton, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Environment
Decision Type:	Non-Key Executive Decision
Delegated Authority:	<p>Authority delegated by Council at its meeting held on 12 October 2022 (Minute No 36(c) and (d)):</p> <p>‘(c) to the Head of Planning and Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Environment, to prepare an addendum to the Plan with proposed changes that may be necessary to address soundness issues raised by representations received in response to the Regulation 19 Publication, that can be submitted with the Plan to be considered by the Inspector during the examination process;</p> <p>(d) to the Head of Planning and Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Environment, to make any necessary editorial changes and minor amendments to the Submission Dover District Local Plan, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment, prior to Publication, Submission and during the Examination, to assist with clarity, consistency, explanation, and presentation.’</p>
Classification:	Unrestricted

Purpose of the report: To set out a proposed schedule of amendments (Appendix 1) that is to be submitted alongside the Submission Dover District Local Plan.

Recommendation: Agree to submit for examination the schedule of amendments (Appendix 1) alongside the Submission Dover District Local Plan, representations received in response to the Regulation 19 Publication of the Plan and all other supporting documents.

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Council is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan for the District and is reaching the final stages in its preparation. A schedule of amendments (additional modifications) has been prepared (Appendix 1) to address representations that have been received in response to the Publication of the Plan. It is proposed that this schedule is submitted alongside the Plan and all other necessary supporting documentation to the Planning Inspectorate for the examination.
- 1.2 Authority was delegated by Council to the Head of Planning and Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Environment, to prepare and

submit such modifications. This report sets out the background to, and justification for, the submission of the schedule of additional modifications, with those modifications set out in Appendix 1.

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 The Council is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan for the District and is reaching the final stages in its preparation. Council agreed to the Publication and Submission of the Plan at its meeting held on 16 October 2022. Subsequently the Publication of the plan took place for a period of 7 weeks between 21 October and 9 December 2022.
- 2.2 In the region of 1,900 comments from 586 representors were received in response to the Plan's Publication. The Council is required to submit these representations in full along with a summary of the key issues that have been raised within them.
- 2.3 It is also helpful for the examination process to indicate the Council's response to the issues raised and, where considered appropriate, to identify potential amendments to the Plan that the Council suggests can be made to address representations raised.
- 2.4 The schedule of amendments does not form part of the submitted Plan, however they are submitted so they can be considered by the Inspector during the examination. Where appropriate the amendments have been agreed with the consultee suggesting the change, which will be confirmed through Statements of Common Ground with the parties.
- 2.5 Appendix 1 sets out the schedule of amendments (additional modifications) that is proposed to be submitted.
- 2.6 The amendments include changes to supporting text and policy wording. They are relatively minor in nature, provide factual updates and clarifications, and assist in making the requirements of policy more specific, clearer and improve the effectiveness of the Plan. None of the modifications are considered necessary to address soundness issues.
- 2.7 Amendments have been included to address comments received from statutory consultees including Natural England, Environment Agency, Historic England, the Marine Management Organisation, Kent County Council, National Highways, Dover Harbour Board, and Town and Parish Councils, as well as from local residents.

3. Identification of Options

- 3.1 Option 1 – Submit the schedule of amendments (Appendix 1) to the Planning Inspectorate alongside the submission of the Plan and necessary documentation.
- 3.2 Option 2 – Do not submit the schedule of amendments.
- 3.3 Option 3 – Submit an alternative schedule of amendments.

4. Evaluation of Options

- 4.1 Preparing and submitting a schedule of amendments will assist with the smooth running of the Local Plan examination and should reduce the number of issues the Inspector needs to discuss at hearing sessions, particularly where these have been agreed with the representors through Statements of Common Ground.
- 4.2 The amendments proposed address responses that have been received in response to the Publication of the Plan and demonstrate that the Council has taken into account the views of those that were consulted.
- 4.3 The schedule of amendments proposed is considered to address the necessary key issues that have been raised following a review of all representations that have been

received. It is likely through the examination process that further amendments will be requested and discussed with the Inspector and other parties.

5. Resource Implications

- 5.1 The preparation and submission of the schedule is being carried out within existing budgeted staff resource.

6. Climate Change and Environmental Implications

- 6.1 There are no specific climate change or environmental implications to preparing and submitting the schedule of amendments.

7. Corporate Implications

- 7.1 Comment from the Director of Finance (linked to the MTFP): Accountancy has been consulted on the report and have no further comments to add.

- 7.2 Comment from the Principal Solicitor (Planning): The Principal Solicitor (Planning) has been consulted on the report and has no further comments to add.

- 7.3 Comment from the Equalities Officer: This report on the Dover District Local Plan Submission of Schedule of Amendments (Additional Modifications) does not specifically highlight any equality implications however in discharging their duties members are required to comply with the public sector equality duty as set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/149>.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Amendments (additional modifications)

9. Background Papers

Dover District Local Plan Regulation 19 Submission

<https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/pdfs/dover-district-local-plan-regulation-19-submission-document-oct-20221.pdf>

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