



Historic England

Examination of East Cambridgeshire Plan
Single Issue Review
Historic England, Hearing Statement

Question 4
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Historic England is the principal Government adviser on the historic environment, advising it on planning and listed building consent applications, appeals and other matters generally affecting the historic environment. Historic England is consulted on Local Development Plans under the provisions of the duty to co-operate and provides advice to ensure that legislation and national policy in the National Planning Policy Framework are thereby reflected in local planning policy and practice.

The tests of soundness require that Local Development Plans should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. Historic England's representations on the Publication Draft Local Plan are made in the context of the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework ("the Framework") in relation to the historic environment as a component of sustainable development.

Historic England Hearing Statement

Introduction

- 1.1 This statement addresses the Inspector's question 4 with regards the Council's Proposed Modifications to the Local Plan.
- 1.2 This hearing statement should be read alongside Historic England's comments submitted at previous consultation stages and previous hearings for the Local Plan.

Matters and Issues for East Cambridgeshire Local Plan Single Issue Review

Issues

Q4 The Council has suggested an updated schedule of Main Modifications (EX.LA11). Are the suggested Main Modifications necessary for soundness?

Historic England welcomes the Council's proposed Modification 6A to paragraph 3.5.6 of the Plan, in particular the deletion of the reference to the principle of development on the Broad Areas in the penultimate sentence.

We agree with the Inspector's view in paragraph 29 of EX.INS08 in relation to this wording.