

## Wycombe District Local Plan Inquiry – Inspector’s Report

### Explanatory Notes

The draft Wycombe District Local Plan to 2011 was placed on eight weeks deposit between 4 December 1998 and 29 January 1999. During this period a total of 5841 objections were received.

Prior to the commencement of the Inquiry on 3 October 2000 discussions were carried out between the local planning authority and many of the objectors in an attempt to resolve their particular concerns. This resulted in the Council proposing changes to the Plan, which were published in March and June 2000 and some of the original objections were subsequently conditionally withdrawn (these are indicated in italics in the list of objectors for each proposal). A further 1657 objections were made to the March changes, and 69 to the June changes and these were also considered by the Inspector. The Inspector refers to these changes in the report.

Mr Geoff Salter and Mr John MacBryde were the Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions to consider objections made to the Wycombe District Local Plan 2011. They held an Inquiry to hear the objections which opened on 3 October 2000 and was formally closed on 3 October 2001.

The Inspectors have now completed their report and submitted it to the Council. The report sets out the action the Inspectors recommend the Council to take in respect of the objections and includes a number of suggested amendments.

The report was received by the Council on 22 November 2002 and the Council has 8 weeks from the receipt of the report to check it before publishing it. However, the report has been published promptly prior to formal checking by the Council. If issues are identified which need clarification the Council will ask the Planning Inspectorate to clarify these issues. This may result in the Inspectorate issuing an addendum to the report which the Council would then publish. This would be made available on the Council’s website and at the locations where the main report is available.

**Please note that the recommendations the report contains are not binding on the Council. At this stage the report has been published without any comment or response from the Council which has not yet had the opportunity to formally consider the recommendations.**

When the Council’s Cabinet has considered the Inspectors’ recommendations a set of documents will be published setting out;

- i) The Council’s decision on each recommendation;
- ii) Its reason for reaching that decision;
- iii) Proposed Modifications to the Wycombe District Local Plan to 2011 as a result of those decisions.

The proposed Modifications will be placed “on deposit” at which time representations of support or objections can be made – either to a Modification itself, or to the lack of such a Modification where one was recommended by the Inspector. Everyone who submitted representations to the Deposit Plan or Pre-Inquiry changes will be notified of the arrangements for the deposit period. Details will also be advertised in the local press and on the Council’s website ([www.wycombe.gov.uk/planning/localplan](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/planning/localplan)).

**If you have any queries about the next stages of the Wycombe District Local Plan please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01494 421360. Further Information on the local plan process is contained in the Department of Environment Transport and the Regions booklet “Local Plans and Unitary Development Plans – A Guide to Procedures” which is available from Planning and Major Projects.**

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