

Walsall's Local Plan – Consultation:

Site Allocations Document and Walsall Town Centre Area Action Plan Publication Documents

Draft Community Infrastructure Levy - Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Charging Schedule

Report to Cabinet 3 February 2016

Supplementary Paper Significant Changes to the Draft Plans

The recommendations to Cabinet include that the detailed form and content (not the substance) of the emerging documents and consultation material be delegated to the Executive Director for Economy and Environment. If there are any changes to the 'Draft Plan' documents, Policies Maps and / or the Preliminary Draft CIL Charging Schedule, which would go to the substance of the issues in question or the core of the policies such changes should be made in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy, Infrastructure and Development.

However, three significant changes that should be drawn to the attention of Cabinet are listed below. The change to the wording of the proposed policy in respect of potential traveller sites is intended to clarify the status of the three "reserve" sites listed in the document. The change to the wording of the Green Belt policy is intended to address an emerging change in Government policy, whilst a reference to wildlife corridors has been added at the request of a statutory consultee.

Other changes may be made before the documents go to public consultation.

Preferred Options for Site Allocations Document – Significant Changes to the Draft Plan

Chapter	Policy	Page	Proposed Significant Changes
3. Homes for Our Communities	HOU4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople		Paragraph added to policy as follows to clarify status of “reserve” potential traveller sites listed in table HC4b:
			The sites listed in Table HC4b are allocated for general housing under Policy HC1. However, parts of these sites may also be suitable for development as a traveller site as an alternative to Site HO28. Any proposals for general housing development on any of these sites that are submitted prior to the development of Site HO28 as a traveller site must incorporate provision for the number of pitches listed in the table as part of the development, unless it can be demonstrated that Site HO28 remains available for development as a traveller site (subject to funding), or an equivalent number of new traveller pitches has already been developed either on one of these sites or elsewhere in the borough.
			Consequential changes have been made to other tables and text
	Table HC4b		Delete “or Travelling Showpeople” from title. These “reserve sites” would only be for travellers.
7. Environmental	GB2(b):		Removal of reference to openness in order to be more

Network	Control of Development in the Green Belt and Countryside		generic in relation to the Green Belt impacts, in light of the possibility of the openness test being altered or removed by Government.
	EN1: Natural Environment Protection, Management and Enhancement		<p>Paragraph added to policy as follows to include reference to wildlife corridors.</p> <p>Walsall's Open Space and Environmental Networks form a wider network of wildlife corridors. Development proposals affecting wildlife corridors must be in accordance with the NPPF, and all relevant local plan policies; including BCCS policies CSP3, CSP4 and ENV1; and saved UDP policies GP2, ENV23 and ENV24.</p>