

Examiner's Questions – 11 April 2021

Thank you for your email. I have now considered the papers and am satisfied that neither a hearing, nor an accompanied site visit, will be required.

I held an unaccompanied site on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th. As a result of reading the papers and of my site visit I have a few questions of the LPA and the qualifying body. I would be most grateful if answers can be provided quickly and in any event within 14 days. Please let me know if this timetable would cause problems.

1. The emerging Local Plan - for the LPA

I have considered documents relating to the progress of the emerging Northumberland Local Plan (NLP), including the post-hearings letter of 24th February and the draft schedule of proposed modifications (February 2021). As far as I can tell, there are no site-specific changes or written comment from the NLP inspector in respect of (1) the land east of Cramlington and northwest of Seghill subject to Dysart Developments Ltd's reg 16 objection (the 30th page of the reg 16 objections document that you sent me or (2) any site where the emerging NLP is mentioned in 'Local Green Space and Protected Open Space Background Paper' ('the Background Paper'). I would be grateful for confirmation that this is the case.

2. Brickworks Reclamation Site, Seghill (POS66) - for the LPA and the QB

I adopt the PINS practice of only going where I am certain that there is a public right of access. As a result, I only viewed part of the Brickworks Reclamation Site (from the corner where Pit Lane meets Front Street) and would be grateful for further information on it. Firstly, I have been unable to find the NCC reference 3349, which the Background Paper mentions, and would be grateful for the document in which this appears (or the relevant extract if the document is lengthy). Secondly, I would be grateful for details of any proposed further reclamation scheme. I particularly wish to know if there is a scheme which would include development that is inconsistent with the proposed POS designation.

3. The coast from Seaton Burn southwards - for the LPA and the QB

I would be grateful for an answer to the following question. Are either the LPA or the QB aware of any proposed coastal defence scheme that would involve using part of a proposed LGS or POS.

4. POS32 Old Hartley Caravan and Motorhome site - for the LPA or the QB

I would be grateful for a copy of the document from which NCC ref 3051 comes (or the relevant extract if the document is lengthy).

5. LGS 5, Land between The Melton Constable and Seaburn Grove, Seaton Sluice - for the LPA and the QB

The left-hand photo on page 56 of the Background paper is mainly of open grassed land not shown as LGS on Seaton Sluice policies map or on page 87 of the background paper. If this

was intended to be LGS, can it the NP be modified to include without unfairness to an owner or other interested person?

If anything in the email leads to the conclusion that there is an error in the draft NP, I would be most grateful for a suggested modified wording.

Subject to these points, I believe that I have all the information that I need to complete the examination.