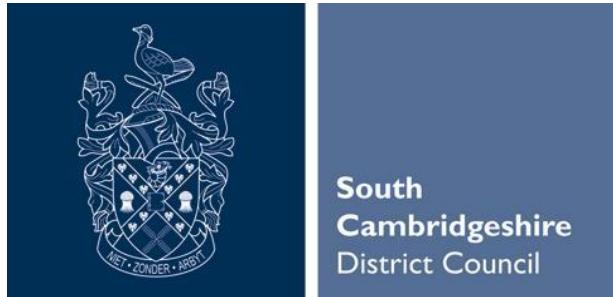


SC4/SCDC – Supplement 2



Examination into the Soundness of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan

Matter SC4 – Natural and Historic Environment – Supplement 2: Proposed Amendments to Modifications to Policy NH/10

South Cambridgeshire District Council

24 January 2017

1. The Council's Statement to the Examination regarding Matter SC4B (SC4/SCDC), in response to question SC4Biv, at paragraph 93 (and repeated in appendix 2) proposed modifications to Policy NH/10, and to the supporting text paragraph 6.38.
2. At the Hearing on 17 January, Grosvenor/Wrenbridge proposed amendments to these modifications, and circulated alternative wording. This was reviewed by the Council, who identified that the wording was acceptable to them, subject to a number of further amendments, which Grosvenor/Wrenbridge confirmed they endorsed. The Council was asked by the Inspector to provide this wording in writing.
3. The wording below reflects the proposal by Grosvenor/ Wrenbridge as amended and described by the Council at the Hearing. The highlighting in grey illustrates the changes to the text from that included in the Council's Matter Statement.

Policy NH/10: Facilities for Recreation in the Green Belt

- 1. Proposals for new buildings to provide appropriate facilities for outdoor sport and outdoor recreation will be supported permitted where it-they will not (either individually or cumulatively) harm the openness of the Green Belt and the purposes of including land within it.**
- 2. The Council will not permit additional buildings for outdoor sport, and/or outdoor recreation in accordance with paragraph 1 of this policy where it considers that the cumulative impact of these would conflict with the purposes of including land within the Green Belt.'**

6.38 The NPPF guidance on Green Belt at paragraph 81 requires local planning authorities to plan positively to enhance beneficial use of the Green Belt including through providing opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation. At paragraph 89 the NPPF allows for the provision of new buildings to provide appropriate facilities for outdoor sport and outdoor recreation that preserve the openness of the Green Belt and do does not conflict with Green Belt purposes. With the growth proposed in the extensions around the City in the Cambridge Green Belt it is likely that land will become more intensively used, which could result in uses such as playing fields pressure for sport and recreational facilities being relocated to, or specifically developed on, Green Belt land. It is important this is done in a way which protects the overall open character of the Green Belt and the Green Belt purposes rather than creating a character more associated with the urban environment.'