

Examination of Hyndburn's Development Management Development Plan Document (DM DPD)

Council's Response to Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)

Matter 2: Infrastructure, Planning Obligations & CIL

Issue 2a: Proposed modification to policy GC2

- 10. The Council has proposed a modification to policy GC2. Specifically, the removal of paragraph 2b from the policy and the insertion of additional text into paragraph 3. Would these changes be main or additional modifications? Would the modifications affect the soundness of the plan?**

The Council considers both modifications to be additional modifications as neither would materially alter the policy or plan.

The proposed change to remove paragraph 2b from Policy GC2 is intended to ensure that the policy remains consistent with national policy. As currently worded it could permit additional requirements to be introduced through future Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). These are not subject to the same rigorous procedural and consultation methods of a Development Plan Document. Paragraph 153 of the NPPF also clearly states that SPDs '*should not be used to add unnecessarily to the financial burdens on development*'. The deletion of 2b would therefore remove potentially uncertainty for the development industry and make the plan more transparent. It would therefore affect the soundness of the policy in a positive way.

The additional text proposed in paragraph 3 also improves the clarity and transparency of the policy. By clarifying that mitigation or compensation measures will only be sought where 'required' does not place any additional burden on development. The Council therefore considers this to be an additional modification that does not materially alter the policy or plan or affect the soundness of the plan in any way.