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Dear Helen Hockenhill (BA (Hons) B.PI MRTPI),

Examination of the Hyndburn 2040: Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations)

Hearing Statements - Prepared by Caddick Land

Matter 12: Hearing Statement

Introduction

Marrons is instructed by Caddick Land (“Caddick”) to prepare evidence in respect of Land South of Altham Business Park. Caddick controls part of the proposed allocation, including all the land west of Altham Lane. We respond to relevant questions below.

Matter 12: Is the monitoring framework of the Plan effective and consistent with national policy?

Implementation and monitoring

Question 1: Is the proposed Monitoring Framework set out in document HO14 appropriate and robust?

The Council’s Monitoring Framework for the Hyndburn 2040 Local Plan (document HO14) covers strategic policies SP1 – SP25.

The implementation of Policy SP4 (Employment Provision and Strategic Sites) will be monitored against indicators for the ‘amount of employment land development (B2/B8/E(g)) and/or granted planning permission, against the target of a minimum delivery of 70ha over the plan period. The policy will also be assessed against the locations of employment completions, with the target to

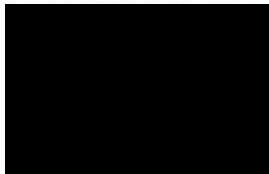
deliver the strategic employment sites. Monitoring measures could also include the type and number of jobs created by the delivered employment land development.

Question 2: Are the proposed indicators and targets appropriate and measurable? Are any others necessary for monitoring to ensure the soundness of the Plan?

In Chapter 13 of the Local Plan (13.1) the Council committed to preparing a Monitoring and Implementation Strategy containing key monitoring indicators to measure the progress of policy implementation. In Caddick's Regulation 19 representation, we previously questioned how the Council's Monitoring and Implementation Strategy could be used to monitor levels and numbers of jobs created on site allocation EMP3 as we do not think it would be enforceable or monitorable (7.2.14).

The monitoring indicators and targets for Policy SP4 assess the amount of employment land delivered and/or granted planning permission but they do not specify that it will measure the type of employment use, nor measure the number of jobs created by the new development. We recommend that the Council considers what measures are included in its Authority Monitoring Report (AMRs) to address this shortcoming.

Yours sincerely,



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