

### Examination of the Craven Local Plan

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Dear Ms Watson,

#### **Local Green Space Designations HE-LGS1 and SK-LGS64**

I write further to your letter dated 17 December 2018<sup>1</sup>, and the consultation carried out with interested participants which ended on 11 January 2019.

After considering all the representations received, and having re-visited the area, my opinion at this stage is that Local Green Space HE-LGS1 should be modified to include only the 'Gallaber Pond' – identified as HE-LGS7 in the Council's additional assessment. In addition, based on the evidence provided the amended site SK-LGS64 does not meet the criteria in paragraph 77 of the 2012 Framework, and should therefore be deleted as advised previously.<sup>2</sup>

I note the concerns that have been raised about reducing the size of HE-LGS1. However, it is worth reiterating the points discussed at the examination hearing sessions regarding the criteria that are contained within the Plan. As submitted draft Policy EC4 requires decision-makers to consider impacts on the landscape, the setting of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, heritage assets, biodiversity and existing public rights of way. These criteria, and other relevant policies in the Plan, would be applicable to the determination of any potential future planning application.

The Council should also note that these comments do not represent my full findings, which will be set out in the final report taking into account any representations made. I shall also consider whether these changes should be recommended for soundness after the public consultation exercise.

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<sup>1</sup> Examination Document EL5.008b

<sup>2</sup> Examination Document EL5.003

I trust that the necessary changes are self-explanatory and that you are able to accommodate the amendments into the schedule of previously agreed Main Modifications. If this is not the case please advise me as soon as possible, in order that I can consider the way forward for the Examination.

Should you have any queries, or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me through the Programme Officer.

Yours Sincerely,

*Matthew Birkinshaw*

Inspector

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