

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION

MAIN MODIFICATIONS (MM)

During the examination, the inspector explored the potential for MMs to resolve the soundness and legal compliance issues which have now been identified. These Modifications are put forward without prejudice to the Inspectors final conclusions on the Plan.

ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS (AM)

These are minor changes to the text that are not included in the consultation exercise, but are published for completeness and are not before the Inspector for consideration.

POLICIES MAP MODIFICATIONS (PMM)

The policies map is not defined in legislation as a development plan document. This means that the Inspector has no powers to recommend MMs directly to it. However, the role of the policies map is to illustrate geographically the application of policies in the plan. If the geographical illustration of a policy is flawed, the policy will be unsound. In such circumstances, therefore, the Inspector will ask the Council to draw up a proposed change to what is shown on the submission policies map. To ensure fairness, any such proposed changes will need to be subject to consultation alongside the MMs. When the plan is adopted, it will be for the Council to update the adopted policies map to include those changes.

SCOPE OF CONSULTATION

At this stage in the examination process, the consultation only relates to the proposed main modifications and any policies map changes (and not other aspects of the plan). The main modifications are put forward without prejudice to the Inspector's final conclusions.

Therefore please note:

- Comments can **only** be made on the proposed Main Modifications.
- This is not the opportunity to make comments on other aspects of the Plan.
- If you submitted comments during the pre-submission consultation Regulation 19 undertaken between 23 August 2018 and 4 October 2018, the Inspector has considered these during the examination and there is no need to make these again.

The Proposed Modification Consultation Period is from 11 December 2019 until 5pm on 27 January 2020. All comments must be received by 5pm on 27 January 2020.

Comments can be made in the following way:

on line at: <https://consult.thanet.gov.uk>

Or emailed to: local.plans@thanet.gov.uk

By post to: PO Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate CT9 1XZ

NEXT STEPS

The Inspector will consider all the representations made on the proposed MMs before finalising the examination report and the schedule of recommended MMs. Further hearing sessions will not usually be held, unless the Inspector considers them essential to deal with substantial issues raised in the representations, or to ensure fairness