

Examination into the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update

Statement of Common Ground as agreed between Northamptonshire County Council and Historic England in connection with site allocation M6: Passenham Extension East

1. Introduction

1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is provided in respect of the following Policies and Site allocations of the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) Update, as amended by the Proposed Modifications :-

Policy 4

Appendix 1: Boundaries and Profiles of the allocated sites for Minerals Development.
Site Allocation M6: Passenham Extension East

1.2 This SoCG is primarily intended to provide the Inspector with confirmation of the areas of agreement between Historic England and Northamptonshire County Council.

1.3 Historic England has consistently raised strong concerns regarding the inclusion of site M6, and in particular that insufficient investigations have been undertaken and that insufficient measures have been identified to avoid or satisfactorily mitigate any impact in relation to heritage assets as a result of detailed investigation. The impact risk rating within the MWLP Draft Plan Technical Appendix is 'Major Adverse'.

1.4 The examination into the Milton Keynes Minerals Local Plan had public hearing sessions on 18 and 19 October 2016. In relation to a site directly to the east of allocation M6 of the MWLP, the 'Calverton / Passenham' site allocation, the Inspector requested a clause to be drafted in respect of heritage assets, which will form part of 'Main Modifications' to be consulted on early in the new year.

1.5 Given the advanced stage of the Milton Keynes Plan and the proximity of the Calverton / Passenham site allocation, Historic England has given consideration to the clause proposed and has also proposed an additional clause specific to M6, to address the particular requirements in relation to potential non-designated archaeology and the heritage assets directly to the north of the site.

2. Summary of agreed matters

2.1 The following clauses should be added to the site profile for site M6 in Appendix 1 under Development Requirements:-

Due to the proximity of the allocated site to sensitive receptors in the village of Passenham, any planning application and accompanying site working scheme will need to include a satisfactory site layout (including screening and stand-offs where necessary) and management scheme that clearly demonstrates that it can adequately minimise and mitigate the impacts of the proposed development on nearby sensitive receptors

and heritage assets including the properties and land constituting the Passenham Conservation Area.

Further assessment (to accompany the planning application) is required to provide information on the extent and significance of the potential non-designated archaeological assets within the application site, and the impact of the proposals on that significance, prior to determination. The extent of the allocated area proposed for extraction will need to reflect the results of that assessment and therefore the proposed output could be reduced from that set out in Policy 4.

3. Declaration

3.1 The content of this Statement of Common Ground document is agreed for the purpose of the 2016 Examination into the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update, subject to the inclusion of the proposed clauses set out above as a modification to the submission plan.

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