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Date 30 November 2016  
Our ref 03499/NT/RDv/12860901v1  
Your ref Respondent ref. 192

Dear Mr Kemp

**Warwick District Council: Local Plan Examination: Update on behalf of Warwick Castle (192) in relation to Matter 10, Culture, Leisure and Tourism**

On behalf of our client, Warwick Castle (respondent ref. 192), since submission of our statement (25 October 2016) in response to the Inspector's Question no. 3 in relation to Matter 10: Culture, Leisure and Tourism, we have been liaising further with Warwick District Council (WDC) in relation to our representations. We have also had the opportunity to review WDC's statement in relation to Matter 10.

We are now satisfied that the explanatory text to Policy CT7 is clear and allows sufficient flexibility, should a development project come forward in advance of, or which does not form part of, a Masterplan. We would still prefer this 'flexibility' to form part of the policy wording itself (as per our 26 October 2016 statement) but we do not consider this matter needs to be debated in front of the Inspector. As such, we are content for our written representations to be relied on by the Inspector. For clarity, please find enclosed the recent correspondence with David Butler at WDC confirming this position.

On the basis of the above, we would be grateful if you could please remove us from the list of attendees for the Matter 10 hearing session on 6 December 2016.

Yours sincerely

**Nicholas Thompson**

Senior Director, Head of Major Projects and Design

Copy Nick Blofeld - Warwick Castle  
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## **Email exchange between WDC and NLP for Warwick Castle**

Thanks for this and I think we are now clear on this and the flexibility in the explanatory text makes sense. The proposed removal of the word "only" from CT7 also helps in creating clarity that there is flexibility. We would of course prefer the rider about flexibility to be in the policy but we do not need to debate this in front of the Inspector.

We will let the Programme Officer know the situation.

Regards, Nick

Nick Thompson  
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From: David Butler  
Sent: 29 November 2016 09:20  
To: Nick Thompson  
Subject: RE: CT7 [NLP-DMS.FID15629]

Hi Nick,

Here's the link to our response. As you will see from the revised policy text supplied on page 6, the a) has been inserted in the correct place - i.e. so that it states "identify the physical and economic context" only.

Hopefully this satisfies your concerns.

Many thanks  
David

David Butler  
Strategic Economic Development Officer  
Warwick District Council

From: Nick Thompson  
Sent: 28 November 2016 14:35  
To: David Butler  
Cc: Rachel Davies  
Subject: RE: CT7 [NLP-DMS.FID15629]

David

It was very good to speak earlier and thanks for sending through the link.=

In terms of the clause at the end of para 3.139; it is a good clause (in part) because it recognises that, over the relatively long lifetime of the local plan, a visitor attraction such as Warwick Castle, may well find that it wants to promote a scheme that is outside an agreed masterplan. However, the clause is not so good for the same reason i.e. because it implies, by referring to all the sub paras of CT7 (including a) that the masterplan is in place. Effectively it is a caveat that applies post the masterplan. (I am sure we will not be at a public inquiry but I can just imagine the line of questioning from a QC on this point!).

Therefore our concern remains about the pre masterplan situation-and the risk of a policy vacuum- and I do think our suggestion that there should be some text in the policy is reasonable.

For ease I attach the representations we made and you will see the suggested wording that we consider will address the matter. I am of course happy to discuss the proposal.

I am in all afternoon if you would like to speak.

Regards, Nick

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