

WDC Matter 13 Submission - Policy HS4 – Note to the Inspector following matter 13 hearing session.

During the matter 13 hearing session the Inspector asked for a note to clarify / explain the reference to the proposed amendment /addition of a 20 minute travel time to criterion c of the policy as set out in the Submission Draft.

Officers of the Council have re-considered the appropriateness of the addition of this 'travel time' stipulation. It was suggested by Sport England, however on further investigation this is not an absolute requirement founded/ grounded in a robust Sport England policy.

Furthermore there are no locations within Warwick District that are beyond a twenty minute drive time catchment which makes the requirement irrelevant. On further examination it has been considered more appropriate to revise criterion c to read as follows:-

c) outdoor and / or indoor sport ~~accessible within a 20 minute travel time by walking cycling and/or public transport~~

This simplifies the policy and in each instance consideration can be given to soliciting improvements to localised facilities or those further afield subject to the need for improvements being appropriately established /evidence based.