

Examination of the Warwick District Council Net Zero Carbon Development Plan Document

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By email only

Dear Mr Cornfoot,

**EXAMINATION OF THE WARWICK NET ZERO CARBON DPD
WRITTEN MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS UPDATE
– 13 DECEMBER 2023
NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK UPDATE – 19 DECEMBER 2023**

Written Ministerial Statement

Following the recent Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) '*Planning - Local Energy Efficiency Standards Update*' made on 13 December 2023, I consider it reasonable and sensible to provide an opportunity for the Council and other interested participants in the examination of the Net Zero Carbon DPD (i.e. those who submitted relevant points at Regulation 19) to provide comments on the content of the WMS in relation to the submitted DPD.

In particular, though not exclusively, I would welcome representations with regard to the points made within the WMS on the setting of local energy efficiency standards for buildings and planning policies that go beyond current of planned buildings regulations and how these policies and local standards should be considered in local plan examinations.

Notwithstanding the submissions already made during the examination, those who make representations now should focus their points and comments directly on the content of the WMS. Previous representations made should be taken as read.

In order to progress the examination as efficiently and effectively as possible, representations on this matter should be made no later than **4pm on Wednesday 24 January 2024**. The Council is asked to ensure that the arrangements for making representations on the WMS are clearly set out on the examination website as soon as possible and that all interested parties are notified of the relevant deadline for representations.

Following this period, I will take the representations received into account in finalising my report, prior to its issue.

National Planning Policy Framework Update

As you will be aware, on 19 December 2023 the Government published an update to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This update contains a number of amendments to the previous NPPF which may have an impact on the submitted Net Zero Carbon DPD. In light of this,

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and at this stage, I ask the Council to provide me with a written response which sets out its view on any possible implications for the content of the DPD and procedural arrangements. Representations from respondents at Regulation 19 are also invited on this matter, where their original submissions are relevant. Responses should be received no later than **4pm on Wednesday 24 January 2024**. Again, I will consider the responses on this matter in finalising my report.

Please could you ensure that this letter is published on the examination webpage for information as soon as possible after receipt.

Should there be any further queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact the Programme Officer Ian Kemp in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew McCormack

Inspector