



*Knowsley Council*

## **Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy**

### **Further Proposed Modification to the Submission Document – Wind Energy**

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**Consultation Version**

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## **PART 1 - INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This document shows a further modification which is proposed by the Council to the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy (KLPCS) following progress with its Examination in Public. It should be read in conjunction with the KLPCS Submission document (July 2013, Examination library reference CS01).

1.2 This modification supplements the schedule of proposed modifications published by the Council in September 2014 (Examination library reference CS08c) and follows the same tabular format as that document. Within the table it should be noted that:

- The **Ref** column identifies the Council's reference number for the modification;
- The **Page/Section** column identifies the page number of the KLPCS Submission Document (July 2013) that the change relates to;
- The **Old Policy/Paragraph** column identifies the paragraph of the Submission document that this modification relates to;
- The **New Policy / Paragraph** column is not applicable in this case as no new policy or paragraph is proposed as a result of this further modification;
- The **Change** column details the proposed changes to the text;
- The **Reason** column briefly explains why the change is considered to be necessary; and
- The **Modification Type** column confirms that this further change is a Main Modification (see below).

1.4 The modification in the schedule is shown as follows:

- **Bold underline** to show text to be inserted; and
- **~~Bold strike through~~** to show text to be deleted.

### "Main" and "Additional" Modifications

1.5 Under Section 20(7) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), as revised by Section 112 of the Localism Act (2011) modifications are either classified as "Main" or "Additional" modifications. **"Main Modifications"** are those which are required to ensure that the KLPCS is "sound" and legally compliant. **"Additional Modifications"** are of a more minor nature and do not materially affect the policies set out in the KLPCS. Additional Modifications mainly relate to points where a need has been identified to clarify the text, include updated facts, or make typographical or grammatical revisions which improve the readability of the KLPCS.

### Reason for the Further Proposed Main Modification

1.6 Within this schedule, the Council is proposing a single additional Main Modification to the supporting text of KLPCS Policy CS23. The requirement for this modification has arisen following the publication of a Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) on Wind Energy on 18 June 2015, and changes to the

Government's Planning Practice Guidance. The WMS introduces a new approach to the issue of wind energy, including the development of wind farms and single wind turbines.

- 1.7 The Written Ministerial Statement indicates that when determining planning applications for wind energy development involving one or more wind turbines, local planning authorities should only grant planning permission if:
- the proposed development site is in an area identified as suitable for wind energy development in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan; and
  - following consultation, it can be demonstrated that the planning impacts identified by affected local communities have been fully addressed and therefore the proposal has their backing.
- 1.8 The proposed modification in this schedule responds to this change, to ensure that the KLPCS is sound with reference to this new national policy.

**Requirement for future approvals**

- 1.9 The proposed modification to the KLPCS set out in this schedule has been approved by the Council to undergo formal public consultation. Subject to the outcome of the Examination in Public and to formal approval processes, it is expected that this new modification will be included in the version of the KLPCS which is finally adopted by Knowsley Council.

**PART 2 - TABLE OF PROPOSED FURTHER MODIFICATION**

Ref	Page / Section	Old Policy / Paragraph	New Policy / Paragraph	Change (Deleted text in <b>bold struck-through</b> ; new text <u>underlined in bold</u> ).	Reason(s)	Modification Type
MNEW	139	9.17		<p>9.17 Policy CS 23 will apply to all types of renewable and low carbon technology, <u>with the exception of wind turbines. Policies relating to the development of wind turbines will be included within the Local Plan: Site Allocations and Development Policies document. Before adoption of that document, wind turbine proposals will be considered against relevant national policy including the Government's Written Ministerial Statement on this issue, made on 18 June 2015. The Written Ministerial Statement advises that local planning authorities should only grant planning permission for proposals including one or more wind turbines if: the proposed development site is in an area identified as suitable for wind energy development in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan; and, following consultation, it can be demonstrated that the planning impacts identified by affected local communities have been fully addressed and therefore the proposal has their backing.</u><sup>(MNEW)</sup></p>	<p>To ensure that the KLPCS accounts for the provisions of the Written Ministerial Statement on Wind Energy, made on 18 June 2015.</p> <p>See also Inspector's Note issued 8 July 2015 on this matter.</p>	Main

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