

Fylde Local Plan to 2032 – Update for Stage 3 Hearing Session

Following the conclusion of the second session of this Examination in Public on 29 June 2017, there have been a number of developments upon which the council would like to provide an update.

Housing Land Supply Update

The council has carried out a mid-year review of its housing land supply statement, which has been included in the response to the Inspector's Questions. The review moves the base date forward 6 months from 31 March 2017 to 30 September 2017, with all assumptions regarding delivery remaining as set out in the previous version of this document that was consulted upon during the summer. Unfortunately, there is an error in the statement (the transposition of two figures). The corrected housing land supply statement stands at 6.5 years (Liverpool) or 5.2 years (Sedgefield) (See errata note EL8.004).

Appeal Decisions

In November, two developments, each of up to 50 dwellings, were allowed at Mill Lane (APP/M2325/W/17/3172835) and Beech Road (APP/M2325/W/17/3172438), Elswick. This brings the total number of dwellings (on large sites) that have received planning permission at Elswick during the plan period to (up to) 124 dwellings. As these sites only recently received planning permission, they do not figure in the mid-year housing land supply review. The implications of these decisions will presumably be discussed during Session 3.

Planning Decisions

The whole of the residential development site at Queensway (HSS1) has now received approval of reserved matters. In addition, an application to vary the condition requiring the delivery of the Queensway/Kilnhouse roundabout prior to the commencement of the construction of dwellings has also been granted. This will allow up to 66 dwellings to be occupied utilising a temporary access off Heyhouses Lane, allowing the site to deliver dwellings without any further delay resulting from the provision of major infrastructure.

Highways & Transportation Schemes

Highways England have carried out a consultation on the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool junction improvement scheme and, in October, released details of their preferred scheme.

(<http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a585-windy-harbour-to-skipool/>)

Lancashire County Council have granted planning permission for the Preston Western Distributor Road with completion expected during 2022.

Various funding bids aimed at accelerating the delivery of the M55-Heyhouses Link Road have been agreed in principle. These will allow the construction of the link road to commence in July 2018 with the road programmed to open by Late 2021/early 2022.

Work is now well advanced on the electrification of the Preston to Blackpool North railway line which will allow faster more efficient services to be provided along this route and beyond.

Blackpool Airport Masterplan Consultation

On 9 November 2017 a consultation on the Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone Masterplan was launched and will run until the 21 December 2017.

Neighbourhood Planning

A legal challenge was made to the “making” of the St Annes on the Sea Neighbourhood Development Plan. The High Court ruled that this challenge was made out of time. Permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal was granted and it is expected this will proceed next year.

Wyre Local Plan

In September, the Wyre Local Plan was published for consultation. Wyre Council propose to submit their plan to the Secretary of State later this month.

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