



Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032

DRAFT SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

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Draft Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications for Consultation

The Inspector examines the Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 as submitted by the Council. However, there are further opportunities to make changes during the Examination process, before the Partial Review of the Local Plan is adopted. 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 required to resolve issues in order to make the Local Plan sound (paragraph 182 of the Framework) or to ensure its legal compliance. They involve changes or insertions to policies and text that are essential to enable the Plan to be adopted. Main Modifications are therefore significant changes that have an impact on the implementation of a policy.

“Additional modifications” are of a more minor nature and do not materially affect the policies set out in the Fylde Local Plan. 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 Local Plan. These are not examined by the Inspector and are set out in a separate document.

This draft schedule sets out proposed main modifications, following the Examination in Public that took place on the 17th and 18th of March 2021. The draft schedule also includes a proposed main modification resulting from the changes to national planning policies in the revised National Planning Policy Framework of 20th July 2021. Comments are invited on the main modifications to the Local Plan as part of the Partial Review Process, contained within this schedule. The Inspector will take into account the responses to the consultation on this schedule before finally concluding whether or not a change along the lines of the modifications is required to make the plan sound. These proposed main modifications are put forward without prejudice to the Inspector’s final conclusions on the Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032.

A separate document has been produced for the Proposed Additional Modifications.

New text is shown as underlined. Deleted text is shown as ~~striketrough~~.

MAIN MODIFICATIONS			
Ref	Policy/ paragraph	Proposed Modification	Reasons for Change
MM1	Paragraphs 1.26-1.27	<p>Delete paragraphs 1.26 and 1.27 of the Partial Review and replace as follows:</p> <p><u>1.26 The shortfall in Wyre, established through the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (30 dwellings per annum), is provided for through the new housing requirement of 305 dwellings per annum for the period 2019-2032 in the Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032.</u></p> <p><u>1.27 The Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan therefore has incorporated alterations to its strategic policies DLF1 and H1 and to supporting text, to the housing needs and requirement figures, and to the performance monitoring framework, following consideration of the issue of housing needs in Wyre. Explanatory paragraphs above are revised to clarify the updated position following the Partial Review.</u></p>	To ensure the plan is positively prepared, effective and compliant with national policy in addressing the issue of unmet need in Wyre.
MM2	Policy DLF1: Development Locations for Fylde	The Local Plan will provide sites for a minimum of 6,895-8,715 <u>7,275</u> new homes and a minimum of 60.6 Ha (gross requirement) of additional employment land over the plan period to 31 March 2032.	To ensure the development strategy is justified and effective: consequential change in relation to the revised housing requirement.
MM3	Policy GD4 Development in the Countryside	<p>Development in the Countryside, shown on the Policies Map including Inset Plans, will be limited to <u>permitted</u> in the following circumstances:</p> <p>a) that <u>where it is</u> needed for <u>the</u> purposes of meeting local business and community needs; for the purposes of agriculture, horticulture or forestry; or other uses appropriate to a rural area, including uses which would help to diversify the rural economy, including small-scale tourist accommodation, holiday caravan sites and very exceptionally, larger scale tourism development. The development must be sensitive to its surroundings, must not have an unacceptable impact on local roads and exploit any opportunity <u>should offer</u></p>	For clarity and to ensure the revised policy is justified and effective in relation to national policy.

		<p><u>opportunities</u> to make the location more sustainable (for example by improving the scope for access on foot, by cycling or by public transport).</p> <p>b) the re-use or rehabilitation of existing permanent and substantial buildings;</p> <p>c) extensions to existing dwellings and other buildings in accordance with Policy H7;</p> <p>d) development essentially needed for the continuation of an existing enterprise, facility or operation, of a type and scale which would not harm the character of the surrounding countryside;</p> <p>e) isolated new homes in the countryside which meet the criteria set out in Policy H6;</p> <p>f) minor infill development;</p> <p>g) development needed to support development needed to support entry-level exception sites for first-time buyers (or those looking to rent their own home) on land not already allocated for housing which meets the criteria set out in <u>the Framework and</u> Policy GD7.</p>	
MM4	Paragraph 7.14	<p>7.14 The most appropriate development permissible in the countryside will be for the purposes of meeting local business and community needs and for agricultural, horticultural or forestry purposes, where this is necessary for the efficient and effective running of the enterprise. <u>Development for community needs will relate to facilities such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship.</u> Some forms of tourism development are appropriate within the rural areas, all of which are covered in Chapter 8.</p>	To reflect the proposed changes to Policy GD4 and provide some clarity to those changes.
MM5	Paragraphs 9.13-9.14, 9.16-9.17 and 9.19	<p>9.13 A revised Framework was published in July 2018 and was subsequently updated in February 2019. The Framework states that strategic policies should be informed by a local housing need assessment, calculated using the standard method in national planning guidance, unless justified by exceptional circumstances. This national policy therefore means that the approach used by the SHMA and its Addenda is superseded.</p>	To clarify the Council's position in relation to unmet housing need and housing requirement, consequential change to MM6.

		<p>The Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 is accompanied by the Housing Needs and Requirement Background Paper 2020 which contains the Council’s local housing need assessment, produced in response to this change in national policy. The local housing needs assessment concludes that the minimum local housing need figure is 275 dwellings per annum. The Framework states that any needs that cannot be met in neighbouring areas should be added to this figure. However, as explained in Chapter 1 and set out in the draft statement of common ground and the Housing Needs and Requirement Background Paper, the unmet need in Wyre identified in the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) will be addressed through the review process of the Wyre Local Plan. Therefore, the shortfall in Wyre identified in the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) of 380 dwellings, equivalent to 30 dwellings per annum for the period 2019-2032, is added to give a total of 305 dwellings per annum for the period 2019-2032.</p> <p>9.14 The Framework requires that strategic policy-making authorities establish a housing requirement figure for the whole area (the Borough of Fylde), showing the extent to which the identified needs (and any that cannot be met in neighbouring areas) can be met. For the Local Plan, the Council had considered the findings of Addendum 3 to the SHMA and determined the housing requirement for the 2011-2032 plan period to be 415 net dwellings per annum. For the Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032, having considered the existence of this adopted figure and the evidence provided by the Housing Needs and Requirement Background Paper 2020 using the government’s standard method for housing need and the obligation to include the shortfall in Wyre, the Council has determined the housing requirement figure for the plan period to be 6,895-8,715 <u>7,275</u> net dwellings. This is derived from an annual requirement of 415 net dwellings for the period 2011-2019 and 275-415 <u>305</u> net dwellings per annum from 2019-20 onwards. This revised housing requirement <u>takes</u> allows account to be taken of any need from neighbouring authorities that cannot be met, up to the amount of unmet need from the adopted Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031), should any need that cannot be met exist following Wyre’s Partial Review. The total figure of 6,895-8,715 net dwellings has been used to determine how much deliverable land is allocated in the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 which covers the period from 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2032, this is known as the planned provision. Fylde Council’s role is to address the imperative of housing provision as positively as possible.</p>	
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		commence delivery. The shortfall of 952 homes will be delivered over the remainder of the plan period to 2032.	
MM6	Policy H1 Housing Delivery and Allocation of Housing Land	<p>The Council will provide for and manage the delivery of new housing by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Setting and applying a <u>minimum</u> housing requirement of 415 net homes per annum for the period 2011-2019 and a <u>minimum</u> housing requirement of 275-415 305 net homes per annum for the period 2019-2032. b) Keeping under review housing delivery performance on the basis of rolling 3 year completion levels as set out in accordance with the Monitoring Framework at Appendix 8. c) Ensuring there is enough deliverable land suitable for house building capable of providing a continuous 5 year supply calculated using the “Liverpool” method from the start of each annual monitoring period and in locations that are in line with the Policy DLF1 (Development Locations for Fylde) and suitable for developments that will provide the range and mix of house types necessary to meet the requirements of the Local Plan. d) The delivery of the developable sites, which are allocated for housing and mixed use from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2032 and provided for through allowances, to provide for a minimum of 6,895-8,715 <u>7,275</u> homes. 	To amend the Council’s revised housing requirement so that it is justified and effective.

MM7	Paragraphs 9.22 and 9.24	<p>9.22 To make sufficient land available to deliver a minimum of 6,895-8,715 <u>7,275</u> new homes up to the end of the Plan period in 2032 the Council will:</p> <p>9.24 Performance Monitoring Indicator 1, in Appendix 8, sets out a target / policy outcome to record the net additional homes completed against the residual requirement of 357-479-368 per annum. Performance Monitoring Indicator 2 sets out a target / policy outcome to achieve a 5 year supply of housing land. Performance Monitoring Indicator 3 sets out a target / policy outcome to have a housing trajectory that delivers a minimum of 6,895-8,715 <u>7,275</u> homes over the plan period.</p>	Changes in consequence of the revised housing requirement in MM6 so that the plan is justified and effective.
MM8	Paragraph 9.67	9.67 The figure of 249 per annum would represent a large proportion of the 275-415 <u>305</u> per annum requirement of all housing for Fylde, and this would therefore be undeliverable.	Amended to reflect revised housing position, consequential change from MM6.
MM9	Policy H6 Isolated New Homes in the Countryside	<p>2. The exceptional quality of design of the building helps to raise standards of design in the countryside. The exceptional quality or innovative nature of the design of the home would:</p> <p>a) be truly outstanding or innovative, helping to raise standards of design more generally in the countryside;</p> <p>.....</p> <p>4. Where the development would re-use redundant or disused buildings and lead to enhancement in the immediate setting; or</p> <p>5. Where the development would involve the subdivision of an existing residential dwelling building.</p>	To ensure the revised policy is consistent with national policy in NPPF21.
MM10	Appendix 1	<u>This is a schedule of policies from the Fylde Local Plan to 2032, which are to be superseded by the policies in the Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032.</u>	To comply with Regulation 8 (5) of the Town and Country

		<p><u>Policies in the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 to be superseded by the Partial Review.</u></p> <p>1. <u>Policy DLF1: Development Locations for Fylde</u></p> <p>2. <u>Policy GD4: Development in the Countryside</u></p> <p>3. <u>Policy GD7: Achieving Good Design in Development</u></p> <p>4. <u>Policy EC5: Vibrant Town, District and Local Centres</u></p> <p>5. <u>Policy H1: Housing Delivery and the Allocation of Housing Land</u></p> <p>6. <u>Policy H6: Isolated New Homes in the Countryside</u></p> <p>7. <u>Policy ENV1: Landscape</u></p> <p>8. <u>Policy ENV2: Biodiversity</u></p> <p>9. <u>Policy ENV3: Protecting Existing Open Space (Part of the Green Infrastructure network)</u></p>	<p>Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012</p>
<p><i>(It should be noted that the remainder of Appendix 1 is as presented in the submission documents).</i></p>			

MM11	<p>Appendix 8 Performance Monitoring Framework</p> <p>Performance Monitoring Indicators 1 and 3</p>	<p>Indicator 1</p> <p>Performance Monitoring Indicator(s) Annual net homes completions against the residual number required for 2018-2019-2032 of 479-368 homes per annum.</p> <p>Target / Policy Outcome Annual net homes completions to be at least the residual number required for 2018 <u>2019-2032</u> of 479-368 homes per annum.</p> <p>Trigger for Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Failure to deliver 95% of the residual number over a 3-year rolling period, i.e. 1,365-1,049 net homes over 3 years; (2) Failure to deliver 85% of the requirement over a 3-year rolling period, i.e. 1,221-938 net homes over 3 years (3) Failure to deliver 75% of the requirement over a 3-year rolling period, i.e. 1,078-828 net homes over 3 years <p>Indicator 3</p> <p>Target / Policy Outcome To deliver a minimum of 8,715-7,275 homes (net) over the plan period from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2032.</p>	<p>Amended to reflect revised housing position, consequential from MM6.</p>
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