

# STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN: PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS MAY 2005

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Proposed Modification M/01/01/T; Add paragraph 1.3.12 to reflect recommendation 1.1 of the Inspectors Report

### Environmental Appraisal

1.3.12 Local authorities are required to prepare their development plans in a way that comprehensively and consistently takes environmental considerations into account. Such a mechanism for doing this is the appraisal of the plan against environmental criteria. An environmental appraisal weighs up and reports on the environmental and other costs and benefits of the plan. Its purpose is to demonstrate that these concerns have been fully integrated into the plan-making process. The value and purpose of environmental appraisal is:

- -To clarify the environmental objectives of the plan
- -To understand the implications for the environment of any policy option, or interacting group of policy options
- -To enable the implications for different, wide ranging, and potentially conflicting aspects of the environment to be taken into account
- -To demonstrate to users of the plan how the policies have had regard to environmental matters

1.3.13 The Council aims to produce a plan led by environmental and other considerations of sustainability. An Environmental Appraisal was developed and published for public consultation alongside the Revised Deposit Local Plan. It serves to identify those policies that will be successful in achieving this aim and those that will fail to achieve it in certain aspects. The plan's policies have been appraised in respect of their environmental, social and economic impacts at both local and global level. As and when major modifications are made to the policies of the Plan, the Environmental Appraisal will be reviewed.

Proposed Modification M/01/02/T; Modify text of various paragraphs with a factual update.

1.2.5. ~~Theis Revised Deposit Modifications to the Plan was~~ were considered by the full Council in ~~July 2000~~ May 2005 following ~~public consultation on the Draft for Deposit Plan, November 1999~~ consideration of the Local Plan Inspector's Report. ~~It has~~ They have been adopted for development control purposes. Therefore, this Plan provides the District Council's most up-to-date approved strategy and policy framework for making decisions on planning applications. It is a highly significant document in helping to shape the future of the District.

1.2.6. All proposals for development in the District will be considered against the policies and proposals of this Plan. The Plan must be considered as a whole and it is important that proposals comply with all relevant policies of the Plan and its successor versions. It will be accorded greater weight than all previous non statutory planning policies as the main consideration in determining planning applications. This version of the Local Plan supersedes the ~~Draft for Deposit Pre-Inquiry~~ Version of the Local Plan ~~November 1999~~ June 2001.

1.6.1. The preparation process of the Local Plan is shown in the diagram over the page. The stage now reached is the ~~Revised Deposit Modifications~~ stage, ~~and is midway through~~ nearing the end of the statutory adoption process. It is intended that this version will go forward to become the Statutory Local Plan for Stroud District. ~~following this period of statutory public consultation, and consideration at a Local Plan Inquiry.~~

1.6.2. Any person or organisation may comment upon the proposed marked changes only in ~~this Revised Deposit~~ these ~~Modifications to the~~ Local Plan. Comments, whether they be objections or statements of support, should be submitted on the special comments sheets available from the Council Offices at the address below. Comments must be received by Stroud District Council before the end of the public consultation period, (which is separately notified).

1.6.3. ~~Any objections made to the Plan that cannot be resolved (to the original Draft for~~

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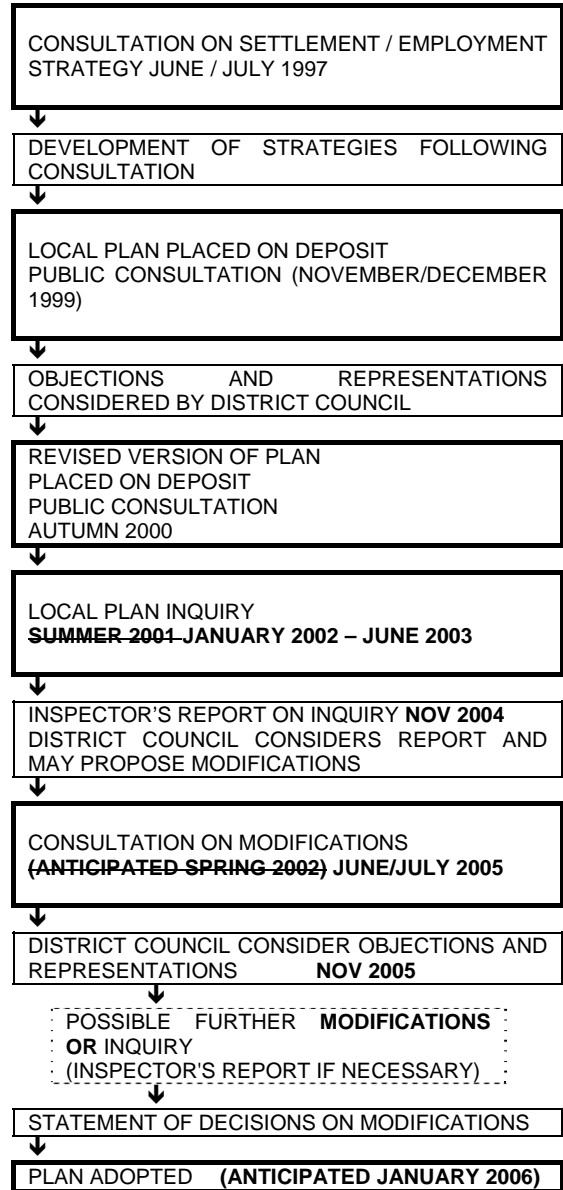
~~Deposit Plan, and to the proposed changes set out in this Revised Version) will be considered at a Public Local Inquiry. This will be conducted by an independent inspector nominated by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions. The Inspector may make recommendations to the Council for modifications to be made to the plan.~~ These will be duly considered and the Council may decide to modify the Plan further. Any modifications will be advertised for further comment and any objections will in turn be considered before the Plan is finally adopted by the Council as a Statutory Local Plan.

1.6.4. A fuller explanation of this process and the public's role in it can be found in the publication Local Plans and Unitary Development Plans – A Guide to Procedures - available directly from ~~the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions at:-~~

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