Gamlingay Neighbourhood Development Plan

Examiner's Note

Context

I have been asked by South Cambridgeshire District Council to clarify how I considered the views referred to and identified in Policy GAM 11 (Landscape and natural environment) of the submitted Plan as part of the examination of the Plan.

In the submitted Plan itself there was some inconsistency between the text in paragraph 4.32 (which refers to seven views), the views listed in Appendix 2 (which refers to five views), and what is shown on the maps in the submitted Plan in terms of views (which show five views). The District Council has highlighted that there is some uncertainty regarding my conclusions and recommended modifications.

The approach to be taken

Looking back at my report and the work undertaken as part of the examination, my approach was that the two additional views (identified in the Landscape and Visual Analysis Assessment) should be included in the Gamlingay Plan. The Assessment was one of the submission documents and was referenced in the supporting text. As such my recommended modifications to the policy sought to remove the inconsistency within the Neighbourhood Plan.

For complete clarity for all parties, it was my view that all seven views (referred to in paragraph 4.32 of the submitted Neighbourhood Plan and referred to and mapped in Section 04 of the Landscape and Visual Analysis Assessment) should be listed in Appendix 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan and that all seven views should be shown on the relevant maps within the Neighbourhood Plan.

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