

The Submitted Draft North West Plan Partial Review

Draft Revision Matters

Section 5 (8) a of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act and the accompanying regulations¹ require that 4NW as the Regional Planning Body publish draft revision matters as part of the publication of a consultation draft North West Plan Partial Review (NWPPR). The following sections set out the various parts of the draft revision matters.

a. Subject Matter and Plan Area

The draft submitted North West Plan Partial Review (NWPPR) is a partial revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the North West published in September 2008. The draft submitted NWPPR covers the counties of Cumbria and Lancashire; the metropolitan districts in Greater Manchester and Merseyside; the unitary authorities of Blackburn-with-Darwen, Blackpool, Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Halton and Warrington; and the whole of the Lake District National Park. Those parts of the Yorkshire Dales and Peak District National Parks that fall within the North West Region are covered, respectively, by the RSS for Yorkshire and the Humber, and the East Midlands.

b. Minor Amendment

The draft submitted NWPPR is not a minor amendment.

c. Period in which representations on the draft submitted NWPPR must be made

27 July 2009 to 19 October 2009 (5pm).

d. Address to which written representations and representations by electronic communications should be sent

Panel Secretariat
RSS Partial Review Panel Secretary
C/O City Tower
Piccadilly Plaza
Manchester
M1 4BE

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e. Notification Request

Any representations made may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the publication of any changes the Secretary of State proposes to make to the draft revision of the RSS and of the publication of the revision to the RSS.

¹ Statutory Instrument 2004 No. 2203 (Regulation 13)

f. Procedures for considering representations

Sections 7, 8 and 9 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 set out the full detail of the procedures that follow once the Secretary of State receives a draft revision of the RSS. In summary the main steps are as follows:

- (i) Any person may make representations on the draft RSS during the public consultation period of 27 July to 19 October 2009 (5pm);
- (ii) The Secretary of State will arrange for an Examination in Public (EIP) to be held into the draft (see details in Section g below);
- (iii) The EIP will be held before an independent panel (the Panel) chaired by a person appointed by the Secretary of State;
- (iv) The Panel will consider all representations received on the draft RSS, and will publish a draft list of participants and matters to be considered at the Examination a minimum of 12 weeks before the start of the EIP;
- (v) No person has a right to be heard at the EIP;
- (vi) When the EIP finishes, the Panel will provide a report of the EIP to the Secretary of State who will in turn publish the report (likely to be 4-6 weeks after the close of the EIP);
- (vii) Once the Secretary of State has considered the report of the EIP and any other representations, any proposed changes to the draft RSS must be published for consultation alongside the reasons for making changes (likely to be Summer 2010);
- (viii) Any person can then make representations on the proposed changes which will be considered by the Secretary of State; and
- (ix) The plan will then be finally published with further changes incorporated where the Secretary of State thinks fit to do so, and reasons provided for making any further changes (likely to be December 2010).

The Secretary of State holds the right to withdraw a draft revision of the RSS at any time before the publication of the final version of the RSS noted in (ix) above.

g. Examination in Public details

Place where the examination in public will be held in the first instance

The Harwood Room, The University of Manchester (Sackville Street Campus), Barnes Wallis Building, Altrincham Street, Manchester, M1 7JR

Expected date for the start of the examination in public

March 2010

Name of the person appointed by the Secretary of State to chair the examination in public

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