



Sustainability Appraisal Process Addendum

1.1 This consultation proposes the Local Green Space designation SK-LGS66 in the north-central area of the settlement of Skipton. This proposed site is a result of the intention and purpose of the Local Plan Policy ENV10 on Local Green Space, in addition to previously proposed Local Green Space sites throughout the local plan area.

1.2 If proposed designation SK-LGS66 is recommended for inclusion by the local plan's inspector following this consultation, it will still not influence the scoring of this policy under the Sustainability Appraisal's analysis of the local plan's policies. This is because the exact number of Local Green Spaces proposed in the local plan is not what the scoring appraisal is based on; rather it is the intention of the LGS policy itself. This intention remains unchanged from the previous consultation stage associated with the local plan, during February to March 2019, which addressed the proposed modifications to the plan arising from the plan's examination. The continued purpose of the LGS policy is to designate and protect green areas of particular importance to local communities.

1.3 There are two other subject areas of this consultation, in relation to Policy H1 and Policy H2 of the local plan. Regarding Policy H1, there is a proposed deletion of the reference to 'C3' in the supporting text of the initial proposed modifications to the policy. This deletion then means that there is a widening of the policy's support to all types of specialist housing for older people, and not just for Use Class C3. This policy, in the context of its initial proposed modifications, already scores positively on the relevant sustainability objectives of the sustainability appraisal, namely SO4, SO5 and SO6. This further proposed modification does not have an effect on the policy's sustainable appraisal scoring, which is deemed to suitably reflect the merits of the policy in question.

1.4 Regarding Policy H2, through the proposed modification for paragraph (b) of this policy, clarification is provided that affordable housing as part of specialist housing for older people will only be sought where such accommodation falls within Use Class 3. This reflects the relevant legal position on this subject area. This proposed modification has no effect on the current scoring of Policy H2 within the policy's sustainability appraisal.