

City of York Local Plan Examination

Phase 4 Hearing Sessions

Hearing Statement on behalf of Defence Infrastructure Organisation

Matter 1: Green Belt Boundaries

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Question 1.2:

Are the inner Green Belt Boundaries (Topic Paper 1 Addendum Annex 3 – Sections 5-7) reasonably derived?

- 1.1 No.
- 1.2 The proposed inner Green Belt boundaries are not reasonably derived and are not sound. DIO has previously covered this matter extensively and would refer the Inspectors to the Matter Statement made with respect of the Green Belt boundary in the vicinity of Imphal Barracks (Inner Boundary Section 7, Boundary 18) (page A3:741 of EX/CYC/59e) at the Phase 3 site specific hearing session for Imphal Barracks.
- 1.3 The Inspectors will note that the Council, at the hearing session, proposed a further (second) change to the boundary during the Phase 3 hearing session which is different to the one detailed in the Submission version of the Local Plan (see PM90 in EX/CYC/59h). Whilst DIO welcomes the Council's acknowledgement that its first and second attempts were unsound, the amended boundary, is still not NPPF compliant for the reasons we have stated in our Phase 3 Matter 4 hearing statement and at the hearing session on 26 July with respect of Policy SS20 (ST36).
- 1.4 DIO wish to refer the Inspectors to our Phase 3 hearing statement and oral statement with respect of this proposed Green Belt Boundary and the proposed housing allocation, the issue of the boundary in this location has already been considered.

Question 1.3:

Are the Green Belt Boundaries of 'Other Densely Developed Areas' (Topic Paper 1 Addendum Annex 4) reasonably derived?

- 1.5 No.
- 1.6 The proposed Green Belt Boundaries of 'Other Densely Developed Areas' are not reasonably derived and are not sound. DIO has previously covered this matter extensively with respect of the proposed Green Belt boundary and would refer the Inspectors to the Matter Statement made regarding the Green Belt boundary in the vicinity of Queen Elizabeth Barracks (Strensall Boundary 5, page A3:741 of EX/CYC/59e) at the Phase 3 Matter 5 site specific hearing session.
- 1.7 DIO wish to refer the Inspectors to our Phase 3 hearing statement and oral statement with respect of this proposed Green Belt Boundary in this location, as this question with respect of the boundary in this location has already been considered.

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