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Dear Mr Dakeyne

## Wyre Local Plan Partial Review Examination

I write in response to your letter dated 8 June 2022.

### Main Modifications

I note the recommended Main Modifications (MM) and the requirement to prepare a Schedule of MM in advance of the hearings and preferably published at the same time as any statements.

### Additional Modifications

I note the correction for Footnote reference in paragraph 7.5.2. This will be included within an update Schedule of Additional Modifications (AM). For completeness, this will be provided in advance of the hearings, alongside the Schedule of MM.

### Use Classes Order (UCO)

In response to your question:

*Has the Council given consideration to the implications of the inclusion of employment and other uses within Class E for the effectiveness of the Plan and whether any significant impacts should be addressed by modifications to the affected policies (notably Policies EP1, EP2, EP3, EP6, SA2, SA3, SA4, SA5, and SA7)? In particular:*

- *Should policies which include reference to use classes that no longer exist (Classes A, B1 and D) be modified so that they are up to date? For example, should references to Use Class B1 be changed to 'light industrial, offices and research and development uses'?*
- *Should there be a reference in policy e.g. Policy EMP1, to proposals for Class E uses in locations outside a defined centre being subject to a condition to prohibit town centre uses (as defined in the glossary of the Framework)?*

Yes - the council has given consideration to the implications of employment and other uses within Class E and considered whether any significant impacts would arise that would require modification to the affected policies.

The council's proposed approach is set out in the new section 1.5 in the introductory chapter. Its purpose is to provide an overview of the changes to the UCO and how this relates to the operation of the policies, where reference to the former use class is specified.

The table included at figure 1.2 explains which policies are affected. The table then identifies the former use class referred to within the policy and then sets out the latest corresponding use class that should be substituted. In the instances where former use class B or B1 is referred, the new corresponding use class includes the sub category e.g. use class E (g).

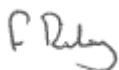
By including the reference to the sub category, the council considers that this avoids the need to refer to 'light industrial, offices and research and development uses' or to include a restriction on use class E to prohibit town centre uses outside a defined centre.

The council considers that this approach is proportionate, effective and ensure that the consequences of the changes to the UCO are clear to the decision maker, when the local plan is read as a whole.

If the Inspector considers it appropriate that revisions are necessary to individual policies, the council would welcome the Inspectors recommendation.

I hope that this information is of assistance. If you require any further clarification regarding the above or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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