From:

Sent: 08 August 2017

To: LDF

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Subject: RE WBC Local Plan Preferred Development Option Consultation

#### RE: WBC Local Plan Preferred Development Option Consultation

Thank you for your email and for discussing the matter with me on the telephone. It was useful to learn that AECOM have checked the sites which were not subject to the consultation responded to by my colleague- in 2015, where he identified all of the statutory designations relevant to archaeology. I understand that this was one of the matters which AECOM aimed to address and an examination of the maps indicates that this has been achieved. The second element of my query was really focussed on archaeological sites recorded in the Cheshire Historic Environment Record which are not subject to statutory designation (so-call non-designated Heritage Assets).

- addressed this issue in his previous advice and I attach a copy of the relevant text is given below. It is this approach that I was seeking to advocate with regard to sites not covered in the 2015 consultation and, subject to any comments that you may have, it seems to me that this text is sufficient to secure an appropriate level of consideration of archaeological matters with regard to these areas.

Furthermore, there are a significant number of larger green field sites within the draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. Cultural Heritage Assessments undertaken in similar sized areas have often discovered previously unknown heritage assets. In these instances it is probable, that we would recommend that a Cultural Heritage Assessment is undertaken for each of these areas prior to the determination of any planning application. The Cultural Heritage Assessments should aim to establish the potential impact of any development and the need, if any, for further archaeological evaluation or mitigation.

Please note that the above guidance is in line with the guidance set out in Paragraphs 128 and 141, Section 12 (Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment) of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012), published by the Department for Communities and Local Government and the still current PPS5 Planning for the Historic Environment: Historic Environment Planning Practice Guide (Department for Communities and Local Government, Department for Culture Media and Sport, English Heritage, 2010).

I hope that this is helpful but if you do need anything more detailed at this stage, please get in touch.

Cheshire Archaeology Planning Advisory Service (Total Environment), Cheshire Shared Services

Sent: 08 Augu = 2017

To:--

Sub & BC Local Plan Preferred Development Option Consultation

# Good Afternoon\_

Thank you for your e-mail and apologies for the delay in responding.

The current Regulation 18 consultation is essentially a consultation on a new Local Plan for the Borough and will cover all the Strategic Priorities as set out in paragraph 156 of the NPPF.

Given that we are now unable to meet our development needs in the existing urban area (where previously we were), there is a need to allocate Green Belt land to meet our residential and employment needs across the next 20 year Plan period. This is why you have not been consulted on the sites in the Preferred Development Option (PDO) before.

In relation to your query, The Preferred Development Option (PDO) is a high level spatial assessment that establishes the Council's 'Broad Areas of Growth' across the Borough. It will be the Draft Local Plan that will formally allocate sites and contain policy specifics in relation to for example archaeological constraints.

We have identified and noted the location of Conservation Areas, Locally Listed Buildings, SAMs and Statutory Listed Building in our Area Profiles and site visit Proformas. In addition to identifying the above, the Council commissioned AECOM to prepare various concept Masterplans for the proposed Broad Areas of Growth and these have taken into account Heritage Assets, Conservation Areas etc.

Page 47 of the PDO document set's out the Council's Preferred Development Option so you can get a good understanding of where we are proposing new development to take.

At the next stage of Plan preparation (Draft Local Plan) we will be drafting planning policies and site specific polices. I note your comments in your e-mail about archaeological constraints, and if you are happy after looking further into where new development is proposed that there are no objections on archaeological grounds, if you could provide generic wording for the Draft Local Plan site specific polices in relation to the need for a further archaeological assessment as the site develops, should it be required, that would be helpful.

If you have any concerns and you feel we need to arrange a meeting as the Plan progresses, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange this or equally give me a call to discuss over the telephone.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the Council's PDO.

Regards,

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Direct Dial:

From:

Sent: 20 July 2017

To: LDF

Subject: RE WBC Local Plan Preferred Development Option Consultation

### **Colleagues**

RE: WBC Local Plan Preferred Development Option Consultation

Before the Archaeology Planning Advisory Service responds formally, I was hoping that you might be able to assist with a brief query.

I'm aware that my colleague, responded to an inquiry over sites to be included in the Local Development Framework in advice dated 13 August 2015. This advice covered many of the sites in the present consultation and identified sites containing Scheduled Monuments, Areas of Archaeological Potential and undesignated Heritage Assets of note. This information appears to have informed the documentation that supports this consultation. Further generic comment was provided on the mitigation that might be advised in the event that these sites proceeded to development.

The present consultation includes a number of sites where I'm not sure that this process has been gone through. In particular, the South West Urban Extension option and the northern part of the West option don't appear to have been the subject of consultation at this time or subsequently. It's possible that I have missed something at our end, in which case apologies, but I can't find anything in our Consultation records. I should emphasise that I'm not suggesting that, even if there had been no consultation, there would be any major archaeological constraints as neither of the areas I have mentioned contains any Scheduled Monuments. However, it would be helpful to clarify the process.

In addition, my intention would be to say that where there are no archaeological objections to development, there may still be a need for further archaeological assessment and targeted mitigation (the latter secured by condition) in the event that development proceeds. Is this useful at the present time or unnecessary at this stage of the process?

Cheshire Archaeology Planning Advisory (Total Environment) Service Cheshire Shared Services

From: LDF Sent: 18 July 2017

To: LDF

Subject: WBC Local Plan Preferred Development Option Consultation

Dear Sir/ Madam

LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT OPTION

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 the Council's Executive Board approved the Local Plan Preferred Development Option Regulation 18 consultation documents for public consultation.

The Preferred Development Option sets out the Council's proposed approach to meeting Warrington's need for new homes and jobs up to 2037. It also identifies the infrastructure which will be required to be delivered to ensure Warrington's growth is sustainable. It closely reflects the objectives of the Council's Warrington Means Business regeneration programme and Warrington's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

You are invited to comment on the Preferred Development Option. We would also welcome your views on the evidence base we have prepared, the Council's conclusions on Warrington's development needs and the scope of the work the Council intends to undertake in preparing the submission version of the Local Plan.

A list of public consultation events, the Preferred Development Option and the standard response form are available from the Council's web site at:

https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/200564/planning\_policy/2274/local\_plan\_review

The consultation period commences for an *eight week* period from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

The documents are also available to view at Local Libraries during normal opening hours and at the following locations during normal working hours:

- WBC New Town House Reception, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NH
- WBC Contact Centre, 26-30 Horsemarket Street, Warrington WA1 1XL

Please send your comments and completed standard reply forms to:

By email:

ldf@warrington.gov.uk

In writing:

Warrington Borough Council, Planning Policy and Programmes, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA1 2NH

Please return your representation(s) to Warrington Borough Council no later than 5pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

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Yours faithfully			
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Planning Policy & Programmes Manager

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