



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC 2021

Historic England Statement

Matter 10: Q 10.2 – Historic Environment Policy (Policy 26 – Safeguarding the Historic Environment)

1.0 Overview

1.1 Historic England (HE) made representations to the draft Local Plan at both Regulation 18 and Regulation 19 stages. A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) was subsequently agreed and forms part of the EIP library as submission document SD10i and can be found via the following link:

<https://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/media/5320952/SD10i-Duty-to-Co-operate-SOCG-Appendix-I-Statement-of-Common-Ground-with-Historic-England.pdf>

1.2 The outstanding concerns and suggested way to address these in respect of Matter 10: Q 10.2 are set out in Figure 1 below which is an excerpt from the SoCG between Wyre Forest District Council and Historic England.

Respondent Historic England (R. Worrall) [LPPS224]	Agent	Element – Policy 26 – Safeguarding the Historic Environment	
<p>Issue</p> <p>We continue to object to the inclusion of a policy which indicates support for 'enabling development' in respect of the historic environment. A policy indicating support for heritage at risk, or the conservation or enhancement of heritage assets is a different matter but support for 'enabling development' could be misinterpreted.</p>		<p>Agreed change</p> <p>Modification:</p> <p>Agree: Omit reference to "enabling development": Suggested amendment Policy 26 paragraph 4: "The sympathetic and creative reuse and adaptation of historic buildings will be encouraged. Such proposals that provide a sustainable future for heritage assets identified as "at risk" will be considered in accordance with Policy 27A".</p>	

Figure 1: Excerpt from SD10i SoCG between WFDC and HE re. M10:Q10.2

2.0 Summary

- 2.1 The concerns raised in respect of historic environment policy, specifically for Historic England the wording of Policy 26 – Safeguarding the Historic Environment, would be addressed through the suggested revised text set out in the SoCG shown in Figure 1 above. The revised text would address issues previously raised in respect of this policy.
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