

Calderdale Local Plan

Pre-hearing Note 3 from Inspector to the Council

11 December 2019

Q6. The Council's Technical Paper on Open Space and Local Green Space (EV48) includes a list of current open spaces which are proposed to be deleted as a result of new allocations (page 5). I have come across a number of allocations which appear to fit within this category (e.g. LP0523, LP1486 and L0452) but do not appear in the list. The Council is requested to check the list and update as necessary. The list should also be expanded to capture allocations where play areas or other recreational facilities would be lost.

The list of current open spaces which are proposed to be deleted as a result of new allocations on page 5 of the Council's Technical Paper on Open Space and Local Green Space (EV48) only considers the loss of Open Space as designated in the RCUDP.

In terms of the RCUDP, Site LP0452 is designated as a Primary Housing Area and LP0523 is allocated for Mixed Use. In full consultation with the Council's Safer, Cleaner, Greener section, it is considered that developing these sites would not give rise to the loss of designated Open Space nor the loss of play areas or recreational facilities. Site LP1486 is designated as a Primary Housing Area in the RCUDP. However, whilst development of this site would not result in the loss of designated Open Space nor play areas, the site is considered to perform the function of an amenity open space. An assessment of open space in the area shows that there are sufficient alternative amenity open spaces within the catchment of this site to meet the adopted standards. However if sites LP1486, 1487, 1488 and 1489 are all developed then the provision for a children's play in the area will need to be examined.

When including play areas or other recreational facilities not designated as Open Space in the RCUDP that will be lost as a result of allocations for development in the Local Plan, the following sites should be added to the list of proposed open space deletions:

- LP0327 - Land off Halifax Road, Todmorden (Additional Mixed Use Site);
- LP0759 – Land off Belle Vue Rise, Shelf (New Housing Site - with Planning Permission);
- LP1486 – Land off Hambleton Drive, Mixenden, Halifax (New Housing Site);
- LP1487 – Land off Balkram Road, Mixenden, Halifax (New Housing Site);
- LP1488 – Land off Hambleton Crescent, Mixenden, Halifax (New Housing Site); and
- LP1489 - Land south of Hambleton Crescent, Mixenden, Halifax (New Housing Site).

To this effect, an addendum to the Council's Technical Paper on Open Space and Local Green Space (EV48) will be issued.