

BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL RESPONSE TO ID15

1. We are grateful for ID15. This document is the Council's response to it.
2. We agree with paragraph 1. A running list of minor modifications will continue to be kept during the hearings and will be available on request.
3. In respect of paragraph 2, the Council does invite the Inspector to recommend the making of the "main" modifications. Please treat this letter as the formal request referred to in paragraph 8 made under s.20 (7C).
4. A running list of these modifications will be kept up to date during the hearings and will be provided as a final document at the end of the programme. Paragraphs 3 and 4 are agreed to be the appropriate way forward. All existing proposed modifications have been subject to public consultation and, where necessary, consideration through the SEA process.
5. Paragraph 5 appears to be correct in terms of the "formal" recommendations re: modifications and the formal role of the Inspector. However, in the event that the Inspector concludes that the plan is unsound by reason of one or more of the "big controversial issues" (para 6) the Council would positively welcome informal observations and recommendations as to the further work and broad nature of the changes that need to be pursued. Once that work was complete, further hearing would be required. The Council therefore endorses paragraph 6.
6. The Council currently has no intention of withdrawing the submitted plan (para 7). In the event that the Inspector were to indicate that a substantial change of strategy was required, this position would of course be revisited.
7. In summary, the Council therefore invites the Inspector to make a s.20(7C) report.

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