FURTHER PROPOSED CHANGES
Cinderford Area Action Plan
Forest of Dean District Council 20-10-11

The following further policy and text changes were discussed at the AAP examination. The inspector has invited further representations on these changes. The changes cover the areas of biodiversity, minerals, and waste policies.

Representations should be submitted by 5pm on the 18th November 2011 and be no more than 3000 words in total and sent to:

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Biodiversity related

Original text taken from revised Keynote - Biodiversity and Conservation (September 2011):

4.1.3 Text Change: Addition

Policy 7 after 5.31. “5.32 In areas of importance for protected species and habitats, the design code must accommodate will need to take account of the particular requirements of the relevant species and be in accordance with Policy 10.”

4.1.4 Policy Change: Amendment

Policy 15 after Spine Road second bullet point. “The design of the street section must demonstrate to a high standard how the four primary bat corridor routes, to/from the roost sites, will be maintained and protected during and after the construction of the spine road. Any further primary bat corridor routes that may be identified prior to development will be similarly maintained and protected. Key factors will include:

i. Proposals to retain and protection of existing tree and vegetation structure wherever possible.

i. A detailed scheme of vegetation protection and landscaping, including phasing of works, demonstrating that woody vegetation structure within and surrounding primary bat corridors will be in place prior to development being undertaken and maintained after development is completed.

ii. Minimal lighting levels, for example by using shrouded, bollard lighting and motion activated lighting.
ii. Artificial lighting must be designed to maintain effective dark flight ways for Lesser Horseshoe bats within primary bat corridors.

iii. Minimum surface path and road widths, appropriate to the function of the road, within primary bat corridor areas to minimise the degree of severance.

iv. Comprehensive landscaping proposals to establish early tree structure for bats

iv. Where appropriate When needed create new road crossing structures such as culverts and gantries to maintain primary bat corridors designed with suitable expert advice and according to best practice guidance.

vi. Establish a programme of monitoring for no less than three summers following construction in each of the primary bat corridor areas.

v. A detailed programme of monitoring for no less than three summers following the construction in each of the primary bat corridors areas. The programme should specify contingency procedures and responsibility for implementation should the monitoring reveal the crossings are not being used by numbers of lesser horseshoe bats comparable to those identified in the baseline surveys of 2010/11.

vi. Suitable provision for the long term management and maintenance of all vegetation and road crossing structures that are required to maintain primary bat corridor routes

4.1.5 Policy Change: Addition

Policy 15 after ‘Junction onto A4136’. “The design of the junction must demonstrate to a high standard how the primary bat corridors at the entrance to the Northern United site and crossing the A4136 from the roost sites, will be maintained and protected as dark crossing points during and after the construction of the junction”.

4.1.6 Policy Change: Addition

Policy 21 “Proposals for development at the Northern United site will be required to retain and enhance the bat roost in the former Office building. If it is demonstrated that this cannot be achieved a replacement roost must be provided and in use by lesser horseshoe bats prior to its closure. In addition, prior to the closure of the Bath House roost a new summer and winter roost in a suitable location, to a standard which clearly demonstrates an enhancement for the bat roost it replaces, must be in use by lesser horseshoe bats available for use by bats. Suitable provision must be made for the long term maintenance of all replacement roosts. Proposals must also demonstrate how the bat corridor crossing the current access from the A4136 will be maintained, protected and kept dark.

4.1.7 Policy Change: Amendment

Figure 11. Change to show spine road located away from forestry road to the east of Northern United and the deciduous woodland to the north of Hawkwell Green.
Paragraph 5.39

First bullet point replace Minimising with ‘Avoid’

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Additional Policy – inserted after 5.121 in the examination draft

Policy 32 Minerals- sterilisation of mineral resources.

In considering development proposals in the AAP area there will need to be consideration of the impact that the proposal may have on the sterilisation of the surface mineral resources present including coal and fireclay. Where possible, practical and environmentally acceptable the potential extraction of surface mineral resources prior to the commencement of development should be actively considered. Where the prior extraction of mineral resources would assist in the mitigation and remediation of mining legacy and land stability issues in advance of development the Council will look to support proposals which raise no significant adverse effects on the locality.

(re number from new 5.122 below)

Additional Policy – insert after 5.129 in the examination draft

Policy 33 Waste

Any waste proposals will be considered in the context of the Forest of Dean Core Strategy and other prevailing policies such as those in the Gloucestershire Waste Core Strategy. Suitable design and mitigation measures will be essential to ensure that any facility does not have a negative impact in terms of visual, environmental or landscape amenity. The Council will encourage the provision of an on-site waste facility, such as an anaerobic digestion plant with potential for Combined Heat and Power. In addition materials recovery to increase reuse and recycling of commercial and industrial waste will be encouraged to divert this waste stream from landfill throughout the construction period.
Note: Under Policy 9, a sustainable approach to waste will be facilitated through the application of standards in the Code for Sustainable Homes and BREEAM.