

Matter 11 Tuesday 3 June PM

Answers to inspector's questions on CN1 on Carbon Neutrality

1. What is the robust evidence to justify the approach taken in strategic policy CN1 in setting out the overall strategy to achieve net zero and address climate mitigation and adaptation?

We hope that the council will be able to make clear reference to the Carbon Neutrality Action Plan and highlight the actions that will be taken linking them to the total emissions reductions to be achieved. Within this, changes introduced through new developments as a result of this local plan would be a constituent part. It is clear to us that the need to reduce emissions is so extensive and urgent that building construction, transport infrastructure, and spatial distribution of developments will all need to demonstrate that they are maximising the potential for reducing emissions.

5. In not setting specific actions or targets, would the policy be effective in its aim to meet the targets in the Council's Climate Emergency Declaration?

It would be helpful if the plan could include targets compatible with the CNAP, such as transport mode share for access to developments, length of types of transport infrastructure per hectare.