

## Blackpool Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy

### Schedule of Proposed Additional (Minor) Modifications

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# Blackpool Council



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Ref	Page no	Policy/Paragraph	Proposed Minor Modification	Reason for Modification
AddMod01	13	2.23	Despite the strong collection of entertainment buildings, the number of statutorily listed buildings in Blackpool ( <del>38-40</del> ) is below average when compared to similar sized towns nationally, and the number of conservation areas ( <del>2</del> ) <b><u>(4)</u></b> is <b><u>amongst</u></b> the lowest overall in the North West, underlying the perception that Blackpool has a poor quality urban environment.	For accuracy
AddMod02	13	2.26	A quarter of the town's open space is provided in and around Stanley Park, which is one of the largest parks of its kind in the country and has Grade II* status (as a historically important garden) on the National Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.	For accuracy
AddMod03	14	Figure 7	Additional legend added to the key identifying 'other areas of greenspace'	For accuracy
AddMod04	15	2.33	The Blackpool to Fleetwood tramway is a key public transport asset to the Fylde Coast and forms a key tourist attraction. The line runs for 11 miles along the <u>Coast</u> from Starr Gate in the south to Fleetwood in the north and carries millions of passengers every year.	Typographical error
AddMod05	15	2.36	<del>Blackpool International Airport is located on the edge of Blackpool's southern boundary in Fylde. It operates regular scheduled and charter flights throughout the UK and to a number of European destinations. It provides economic opportunities for attracting new investment into the area and enabling indigenous business to create trade links on a national and international basis.</del>	To reflect the current position regarding Blackpool Airport.

AddMod06	17	2.37 (Bullet 6)	Blackpool has key iconic resort buildings and structures culturally rich in heritage <b><u>which remain important to the Town's future</u></b> and high quality public realm in key areas of the town centre and resort core, although these are contrasted with a generally poor quality built environment in the inner areas and across other parts of the town.	In response to a representation from English Heritage.
AddMod07	17	2.37 (Bullet 7)	Designated Green Belt and Countryside Areas on the edge of Blackpool define the limit of urban development to retain separation between Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre. Any <del>change</del> <b><u>development</u></b> in these areas will need to be managed in a positive way to balance the need for new development with environmental and climate change issues.	For clarity and in response to a representation from Fylde Council.
AddMod08	36	5.7	Whilst this forecast assumes an overall reduction in the number of jobs over the plan period, there will be economic prosperity growth in certain sustainable employment sectors, providing new jobs to help replace the significant number of public sector jobs expected to be lost as well as many of the part-time, low-wage seasonal jobs. This aligns with strategies to support a stronger, more resilient and diversified economy, as opposed to high levels of job growth, which is not considered sustainable or achievable. Aligning Blackpool's housing requirement to this forecast reduces the level of in-migration needed to support the new jobs created compared to long-term trends. This complements wider strategies which are ongoing to encourage existing residents to engage in the labour market and access the new jobs created, to improve economic activity levels. <del>Also, the assumption that in-migrants will move to Blackpool to take up jobs contrasts with historic trends, with evidence suggesting that up to 90% of all migrants are housing benefit claimants.</del> Providing more houses than could be supported by the level of jobs expected to be available would undermine ongoing efforts to address the socio-economic issues as a result of these past trends.	For clarity and in response to a representation from Lancaster City Council.
AddMod09	40	5.25	Blackpool <del>International</del> Airport	To reflect the current position regarding Blackpool Airport.
AddMod10	40	5.31	The outcome of cooperation between Blackpool and Fylde Councils on this issue means that Fylde will provide for this shortfall, which will be added to Fylde's	To reflect the current position regarding the Fylde Local Plan.

			requirement over their Local Plan period to <del>2030</del> <b>2032</b> .	
AddMod11	41	5.39	Blackpool <del>International</del> Airport	To reflect the current position regarding Blackpool Airport.
AddMod12	44	Policy CS4	1a. Focussing new major retail development in the town centre to strengthen the offer and improve the quality of the shopping experience	Typographical Error
AddMod13	45	5.52	Major new retail development will be focused in Blackpool Town Centre. The 2011 Fylde Coast Retail Study identifies capacity for additional retail growth of 16,390 square metres of comparison goods floorspace to 2021. Beyond this, the Houndshill Phase II extension <b>and any</b> the retail components of the Leisure Quarter <b>development</b> and the Winter Gardens redevelopment <b>refurbishment</b> provide the best opportunities for the enhancement of the comparison goods offer in Blackpool Town Centre, which will complement the improvement in quality to the existing retail stock. The Site Allocations and Development Management DPD will identify the proposed sites for new retail development.	For clarity and in response to a representation from English Heritage.
AddMod14	48	CS5(2)	Blackpool <del>International</del> Airport	To reflect the current position regarding Blackpool Airport.
AddMod15	51	5.75	Blackpool <del>International</del> Airport is important to the future economic growth of the sub-region and <b>has the potential to</b> provides enhanced travel opportunities for residents, visitors and businesses alike.	To reflect the current position regarding Blackpool Airport.
AddMod16	55	5.93	A careful balance has to be <del>struck</del> which enables the provision of high quality networks of green infrastructure alongside the delivery of development to meet Blackpool's wider housing, employment and infrastructure requirements.	Typographical Error
AddMod17	56	5.96	The Borough contains a number of high quality open spaces such as Stanley Park which has Grade II* status as a historically important garden.....	For accuracy.
AddMod18	57	5.104	Opportunities for urban greening, which is particularly important within Blackpool's inner areas, should be explored and incorporated where possible. This could include the provision of green roofs, terraces and walls and private	In response to a representation from the Woodland Trust.

			gardens as part of new developments or the introduction of green alleyways, street trees and planters, allotments, <b>woodland</b> and community gardens as part of wider improvement initiatives.	
AddMod19	58	5.112	..To achieve this Blackpool Council is working with neighbouring authorities to ensure that green infrastructure and biodiversity is planned for at a landscape-scale across shared boundaries as part of the Lancashire Ecological Framework ( <del>currently being prepared</del> ) <b>(2015)</b> .	For clarity.
AddMod20	63	5.134	The European Union’s revised Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/EC) came into force in March 2006 and <b>will be implemented in England and Wales by the Bathing Water Regulations 2013</b> . It has the overall objective to protect public health and the environment by improving the quality of bathing waters. The revised directive has more stringent water quality standards, a stronger beach management focus and new requirements for the provision of public information. It is therefore important that any new development does not cause deterioration in water quality which could impact on the Fylde Coast bathing waters. There are eight designated bathing waters along the Fylde Coast, with half of these located off the coast of Blackpool.	For clarity and in response to a representation from Blackpool Pleasure Beach.
AddMod21	64	5.139	<del>It is envisaged that the use of SuDs on new development will become mandatory within the plan period following the commencement of Schedule 3 of the Flood &amp; Water Management Act 2010. Blackpool Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority, will become the SuDS Approval Body and will ultimately have a responsibility for approving and adopting the surface water drainage systems on new developments.</del>	To reflect the current position regarding SuDS.
AddMod22	69	5.162	<b><u>Infrastructure is key to the delivery of sustainable development, economic growth and the development needs of the Borough.</u></b> The Council will ensure that new developments provide the necessary physical, social and green infrastructure to meet local needs and achieve sustainable development, and do not result in infrastructure deficiencies or exacerbate other problems. The impact of all development proposals will need to be fully assessed and where developments have potentially significant implications on infrastructure, applicants will be required to submit assessments in support of their	For clarity and in response to a representation from United Utilities.

			development proposal.	
AddMod23	70	5.165	<del>The introduction of the Government's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations supports local authorities in developing a CIL charging schedule, which identifies the level of contribution required from different types of development towards meeting future community infrastructure needs. In some instances this would override the need for conditions or planning obligations. However, until the Council takes a decision on whether to introduce a CIL charging schedule, which will need to balance a number of considerations including development viability, it will continue to utilise planning obligations and/or conditions as appropriate. Depending on the decision taken, these may continue to be used either in their entirety or alongside CIL (for example where contributions are needed to ensure any site specific mitigation requirements or other non-infrastructure needs are met).</del>	To reflect the Council's current position regarding CIL
AddMod24	70	5.166	<del>A Supplementary Planning Document will be prepared by the Council to provide further guidance on contributions required from developments, which will also reflect a CIL charging schedule should this be introduced.</del>	To reflect the Council's current position regarding CIL.
AddMod25	82	6.34	<del>The specific contribution level will be set out in the Affordable Housing SPD, in order to provide sufficient flexibility to take account of Blackpool's challenging market conditions and viability issues, the need to reflect a decision on whether or not to introduce CIL, and the possibility of emerging government guidance introducing minimum thresholds for affordable housing contributions.</del>	To reflect the Council's current position regarding CIL.
AddMod26	83/4	6.43	<del>Improvement of Blackpool's health facilities will be focused on the continuing replacement of outdated facilities and the provision of new services within the existing main Blackpool Victoria Hospital site, with an ongoing long term programme for the phased redevelopment of the site. In addition, a purpose built high quality mental health facility is being</del> <b>has been</b> <del>developed on the edge of the Blackpool urban area at Whyndyke Farm which replaces existing outdated facilities at the Hospital. It will provide</del> treatment and care for people with a variety of mental health problems. Provision of health and supporting care facilities at a more local level is led by the provision of three multi-use Primary Care Centres; Moor Park Health and Leisure Centre, Whitegate Health Centre and	To reflect the Council's current position regarding the mental health facility.

			South Shore Primary Care Centre.	
AddMod27	86	6.55	<del>The town's high level of existing provision, heavily built up area and general shortage of developable land are reflected in past regional assessments which did not identify any further requirement for pitch provision within the Borough; the regional assessments aiming to ensure a better an appropriate distribution of future requirements across each sub-region. This approach was informed by the Lancashire Sub-Regional Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation and Related Services Assessment (GTAA 2007); and the North West's Travelling Showpeople's Current Base Location, Preferred Base Locations and Operating Patterns (2007).</del>	To reflect the updated position regarding GTAA.
AddMod28	86	6.56	<p><del>As the current Lancashire GTAA dates back to 2007, Blackpool Council is currently working with Fylde and Wyre Borough Councils (as part of the Duty to Co-operate) to update the accommodation needs assessment to determine the likely permanent and transit needs of Gypsies, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople within the sub-region over each authority's plan period.</del></p> <p>Replace with:</p> <p><b><u>Blackpool Council has worked with Fylde and Wyre Borough Councils (as part of the Duty to Co-operate) to prepare the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) (2014). It provides an accommodation needs assessment to determine the likely permanent and transit needs of Gypsies, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople within the sub-region over each authority's plan period.</u></b></p>	To reflect the updated position regarding GTAA.
AddMod29	86	6.57	<p>Working collaboratively will enable the three authorities to provide for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople across the Fylde Coast, helping to ensure a fair and effective strategy is in place to provide access to accommodation, services and facilities. This updated assessment <del>is expected to be completed by late summer 2014</del> <b><u>was published in September 2014.</u></b></p>	Provides the updated status of the GTAA.

AddMod30	91	7.5	...Opportunities for future development of the principal retail core include further phased development of the Houndshell Shopping Centre and the introduction of a <b>complementary</b> specialist retail offer within the Winter Gardens....	For clarity and in response to a representation from English Heritage.
AddMod31	94	7.12	The Winter Gardens is the world's most complete Victorian all weather complex of theatres and conference facilities. However, the complex <b>is currently on the Heritage at Risk Register</b> , has suffered from a lack of investment <b>and</b> has significant levels of under-used floorspace, <del>and is</del> <b>It is</b> struggling to compete with larger, more modern conference venues across the UK.	For clarity and in response to a representation from English Heritage.
AddMod32	99	7.31	Blackpool has a number of well-known visitor attractions which make an important contribution to the overall resort offer. Proposals for high quality tourism related development will be supported which complements and reinforces the role of these existing important attractions, securing their long term future.	Typographical errors
AddMod33	110	8.10 and 8.13	Blackpool International Airport	To reflect the current position regarding Blackpool Airport.
AddMod34	110	8.16	Beyond the Blackpool boundary, the Council will continue to support the allocation of sufficient land close to Junction 4 of the M55 in neighbouring Fylde for employment growth of sub-regional importance, with a continued focus for new investment at Whitehills Business Park and Whyndyke Farm. The Fylde Local Plan identifies around 14ha of additional employment land <del>close to Junction 4 of the M55</del> to accommodate Blackpool's employment land shortfall (in addition to Fylde's own employment land requirement).	For clarity and in response to a representation from Fylde Council.
AddMod35	117	Appendix A: Evidence Base	Include the following documents: <b><u>2014 Lancashire and Blackpool Local Flood Risk Management Strategy</u></b> <b><u>2014 Draft Fylde Coast Highways and Transport Masterplan</u></b> <b><u>2014 Draft Built Heritage Strategy for Blackpool</u></b> <b><u>2014 Analysis of Housing Need in light of the 2012 Sub-National Population Projections (Fylde Coast SHMA Addendum)</u></b>	For accuracy

			<p><b><u>2014 Blackpool Surface Water Management Plan</u></b>  <b><u>2011 Draft Playing Pitch Strategy (2011-2016)(Updated 2014)</u></b>  <b><u>2009 Blackpool Heritage Characterisation Studies</u></b></p> <p>Amend:  <del>2009</del><b>2014</b> Blackpool Open Space, Sport and Recreation Audit and Position Statement  <del>2009</del><b>2014</b> Strategic Flood Risk Assessment  <del>2013</del><b>2014</b> Annual Monitoring Report  2014 Fylde Coast Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment (<del>ongoing</del>)  2014 Duty to Co-operate Statement of Compliance (<del>currently in draft form</del>)</p>	
AddMod36	118	Appendix B: Schedule of 'Saved' Blackpool Local Plan Policies	BH17   Restaurants, Cafes, Public Houses, Hot Food <del>Saved</del> Take-Aways	Typographical error
AddMod37	119	Appendix B: Schedule of 'Saved' Blackpool Local Plan Policies	NE10 - Flood Risk – Not Saved. To be superseded by Policy CS9: Water Management	Typographical error
AddMod38	122	Appendix C: Monitoring and Implementation Plan	13. All development, regardless of size and scale, places additional demands on services and facilities, impacting on their ability to meet the needs of the community. <del>The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) provides a system which passes the cost of infrastructure improvements onto new developments above the 100sqm threshold and of a type that has been found to be viable to which to charge CIL. The Council is currently investigating the potential to introduce a CIL Charging Schedule in Blackpool and have undertaken a viability assessment to inform this process. At the time of writing this document, no formal decision has</del>	To reflect the Council's current position regarding CIL.

			been taken by the Council as to whether a CIL will be introduced in Blackpool. This position will be updated in due course. <b><u>Section 106 agreements will be used in accordance with the requirements of NPPF paragraph 204.</u></b>	
AddMod39	122	Appendix C: Monitoring and Implementation Plan	<del>14. The introduction of a CIL charging schedule would not remove the requirement for Section 106 planning obligations, which will continue to be used in accordance with the tests set out within the CIL regulations.</del> Planning obligations are a key delivery tool in providing the opportunity to secure financial contributions that will mitigate against the localised impacts of development which would otherwise render the proposal unacceptable in planning terms.	To reflect the Council's current position regarding CIL.
AddMod40	80	Footnote 26	A Draft SPD was consulted on in June 2012; the intention is to prepare and consult on a revised draft in <del>autumn 2014</del> <b><u>2015</u></b> .	For clarity
AddMod41	-	At various points in the document	Replace wellbeing with <b><u>well-being</u></b>	Typographical Error
AddMod42	-	New Appendix D	Inclusion of glossary	To aid the understanding of certain phrases in the document.