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Hi

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council: *Further to your response to the ExA's second written question BCG.2.4 [REP5-036] and [REP5-037], advise whether there has been any further updates to the status of the consultation draft SPD. If so, provide a copy of any updated document and explain whether this would have any implications for the examination.*

Response:

The Northern Gateway Development Framework is being taken to Bury (5/3/2025) and Rochdale (18/3/2025) Cabinet meetings for approval to adopted. Bury Council approved the adoption of the SPD but The main changes are as follows:

- All policy references have been updated (for example reference is now made to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), December 2024);
- Vision and 12 key principles (vii) strengthened in relation to integration with the natural environment and future climate change;
- Constraints Plan updated;
- Amended wording in relation to shared paths (pedestrians, cyclist and horse riders) and active travel opportunities;
- Additional wording to confirm that additional access points may be required at Birch Services and through South Heywood (both accesses shown on the Development Framework plan);
- Amended wording to reflect the fact that the biodiversity net gain requirements will not all be met on site and there will be a need to secure BNG credits off-site;
- Amended wording in relation to working with natural processes;
- Additional text added to confirm that the development framework is based on several assumptions and goals which may change or evolve during delivery of the project;
- Identification of a second mixed use hub at the Pilsworth Road/Moss Hall Lane entrance to the site (Three Arrows junction);
- Additional wording to confirm a new motorway service area would be off-line;
- Stronger references to enhancement of existing natural assets;
- Commitment to engagement with key infrastructure bodies as sites and projects come forward;
- Amendment to labelling of access points; • The resolution and legibility of all plans and diagrams will be improved;
- All minor wording changes and typos updated.

The updated version is available

at <https://councildecisions.bury.gov.uk/documents/s43533/Appendix%20%20Northern%20Gateway%20Development%20Framework%20SPD.pdf>

The SPD was supported by Cabinet and there are no implications for the examination

Regards

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