

# **Examination of the Climate Emergency Review of the Lancaster District Strategic Policies and Land Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) and the Development Management DPD**

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By email

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Dear Mr Brophy

## **Inspector's Initial Letter to the Council**

1. In advance of any further initial questions, I would appreciate clarity on the scope of the Examination in order to inform my assessment of the Plans. This should include a list of the policies and/or their supporting text in each Plan which are either new or amended as part of the Climate Emergency Review.
2. On reading the representations made to the Climate Emergency Review, I note that a number of representations have been made to policies or supporting text of policies where no changes appear to have been proposed by the Council as part of the Proposed Submission version of each Plan.
3. I would appreciate written confirmation from the Council regarding any advice it gave to representors in respect of the scope of the Climate Emergency Review and the parameters within which representations could be made. This should include directing me to any relevant parts of the document library, including page/paragraph numbers, where necessary. If representations were made to policies which were not subject to the Climate Emergency Review, were these representations accepted by the Council as being duly made?
4. I would be grateful if the Council could provide an early indication of when they are likely to be able to respond fully to this letter. Responses from other parties to this letter are not invited and I do not envisage accepting them.

5. In the meantime, I will continue with my initial reading of the Plans and evidence base and preparation of Matters, Issues and Questions and a draft programme for hearings. If I have any further initial questions, I will forward these to the Council as soon as possible.
6. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

*Joanna Gilbert*

INSPECTOR