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Matter 1 – Legal/Procedural Requirements

Land at Clive Barracks

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1. Introduction

1.1 This Hearing Statement has been prepared by Fisher German on behalf of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) in respect of Ministry of Defence land at Clive Barracks, Tern Hill, as illustrated at Figure 1 below.

1.2 The land is a proposed Strategic Settlement allocation within the emerging Local Plan under Policy S19.

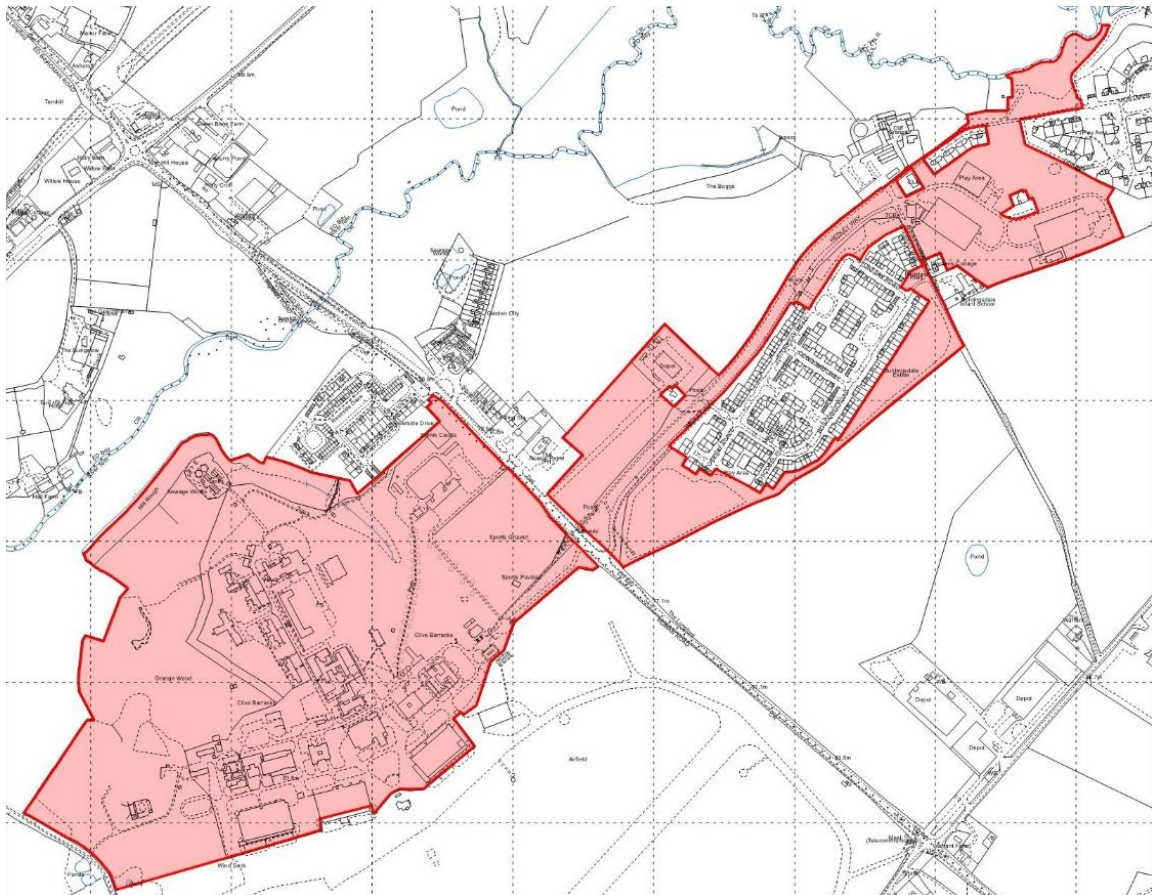


Figure 1: Land at Clive Barracks, Tern Hill

1.3 The proposed allocation is supported and the DIO remain fully committed to the delivery of housing and employment at Clive Barracks and recognise the role of the site in the delivery of this during the Local Plan Review plan period and beyond.

2. Question 1

Is the Local Plan compliant with:

(a) the Local Development Scheme? (b) the Statement of Community Involvement? (c) the 2004 Act and the 2012 Regulations?

- 2.1 The most recent Local Development Scheme (LDS) was published by Shropshire Council (SC) in March 2021 and sets out the process for the Local Plan Review, including an anticipated timetable. The preparation of the Plan has been progressed in accordance with the timetable and preparation stages outlined within the LDS; albeit the LDS was updated in 2021 to incorporate an additional consultation. As such there is no reason to suggest that that Plan has not been prepared in accordance with the LDS.
- 2.2 The Council have met the requirements for consultation and utilised the consultation methods outlined within the tables on pages 13 and 14 of their Adopted (June 2021) Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), at the various stages of the plan preparation process.
- 2.3 There is nothing to suggest the Council have not followed the statutory requirements outlined within the Town and County Planning (England) Regulations 2012 and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

3. Question 17

Is the Local Plan period of 2016 to 2038 consistent with national policy? If not, is there justification for this?

- 3.1 The LDS (2021) anticipates adoption of the Local Plan (2016 to 2038) in late 2022. The Plan period will therefore extend 16 years beyond the date of adoption (or 15 years should the plan be adopted in 2023). The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) at paragraph 22, sets out that strategic policies should look ahead over a **minimum 15 year period** from adoption. This is to ensure that policies “anticipate and respond to long-term requirements and opportunities, such as those arising from major improvements in infrastructure”. In this respect the Local Plan period of 2016 to 2038 is consistent with national policy.
- 3.2 It is noted that paragraph 22 of the NPPF sets out that where larger scale developments such as new settlements form part of the strategy for the area, “policies should be set within a vision that looks further ahead (at least 30 years), to take into account the likely timescale for delivery”. As outlined within the Clive Barracks Statement of Common Ground and DIO’s response to the Inspectors questions at Matter 7 in respect of Clive Barracks, the proposed Strategic Settlement at Clive Barracks will deliver new homes and employment development both within the plan period (up to 2038) and beyond. The policy for Clive Barracks (Policy S19) contains site guidelines which provide an overarching vision for development on the Clive Barracks Strategic Settlement site which will endure beyond the plan period. It is considered that the plan period is consistent with the NPPF.