

Minutes

Meeting Title Meeting with Wyre and CLAs regarding SOCG and Transport
Time and Date 10-11am Monday 1st December 2025
Location Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees

Central Lancashire:
Carolyn Williams – (Preston)
Elizabeth Hindle – (South Ribble)
Zoe Whiteside – Chorley
Ben Vickers – (South Ribble)
Vicki Thompson-Spears – (Chorley)

Neighbouring Authorities:
Fiona Riley – (Wyre)
Lucy Embery – (Wyre)

Key points raised in discussion included: Standard Method for the housing figures and Transport evidence.

Standard Method

- Discussions began with the dates being confirmed of Wyres letter and submission. Confirmed the letter from Wyre was provided to the Inspectors on 17th November prior to receiving the answers from Jacobs. These were provided to Wyre later that day.
- Wyre’s concern is that NTEM which was used for the Transport Evidence was not representative.
- Standard Method (SM) figures were discussed. CLA’s confirmed that the Transport Evidence was completed prior to the NPPF 2024 being published. Therefore, the SM figures used were from NPPF 2023 and the evidence was completed with the CLA’s submitting the Local Plan under the Transitional Arrangement.
- After discussion/explanation, Wyre confirmed they are satisfied with the explanation, and will review the figures of the SM from NPPF 2023 when the transport assessment was written in Dec 2024. The new SM calculated at March 2025 under new NPPF 2024 was not available so assumptions were based on the SM from NPPF 2023.
- Highway assessment was therefore completed based upon the SM in the NPPF 2023.

Transport discussion

- Wyre raised concerns with the highway network around Broughton and additional development in Preston. Preston confirmed no large developments have been put forward in the Local Plan apart from existing permissions in the area.
- CLAs confirmed the Transport evidence was provided by the commissioning body to the CLAs to support the Local Plan. CLAs are working with LCC and National Highways to work towards a signed SOCG.

Actions

- Wyre agreed to work on an updated SOCG with the CLAs to confirm the concerns aren't from the Duty to Cooperate, and the CLAs and Wyre have worked together, but the concerns are with the technical/factual Transport Evidence, which would be addressed as part of Matter 14.
- CLA's will send over their SM figures based from the NPPF 2023.
- Wyre to begin drafting some wording for an updates SOCG to reflect the above.