EXAMINATION of THE SEDGEFIELD PLAN

Questions raised by the Examiner

1.Regarding the final regulation14 consultation exercise carried out from 9/4/18 to 23/518. I note the Consultation Statement on page 102, lists the responses but does not meet the requirement in regulation 15 2(c) to describe "how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan."

Please could the Town Council give a brief comment on each of the representations to meet this requirement. This is to demonstrate that the Town Council has considered the matter. Clearly, if amendments to the Plan have been made to accommodate a representation then this can simply be stated. Alternatively, if the representation is not accepted a brief reason will suffice.

In this context I cannot understand the comment on page 102 in relation to the Kildrummy (Sedgefield) Ltd. representation. Please could this be clarified by appropriate amendments to the text.

R J Bryan BA., MRTPI., Examiner, 30/4/19

Sedgefield TC answer

We will add the following below the list of Regulation 14 submissions on page 102 of the plan:

"Following the Regulation 14 consultation exercise, representatives of Sedgefield Town Council and Durham County Council met on 06.06.18. They considered the submissions listed above and agreed to make some minor changes to the draft plan ahead of it being presented to the town council for adoption and then submission to the county council. Sedgefield Town Council wrote to each correspondent who had made a submission to the Regulation 14 consultation, to acknowledge their contribution and respond to their suggestions/comments, either highlighting any changes that would be made as a result, or explaining and justifying the reasons why changes would not be made. Copies of the letters can be found here." (We will add a PDF of letters to the evidence folder and include a link)."

For your information, please find attached the PDF that we will link to.

With reference to the Kildrummy representation, the following is a better description of that:

"Broadly supportive of the Plan's policies but would like to see references to the specific number of acceptable housing in the Town removed, and an update to the Built Up Area Boundary Map to remove an area identified as Employment Land (by Durham County Council), currently the site of the Pactiv business."