

NOTE TO WARRINGTON LOCAL PLAN EIP INSPECTORS

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Matter 11: Council to produce note explaining approach to implementing Policy INF1

This note supports the Council's position as set out in the Council's [Matter 11 Statement](#) and responses provided to the Inspector at the Matter 11 hearing session.

As a first overarching principle it is intended to apply Policy INF1 to all development, and whilst the Council will expect all development proposals to fulfil the criteria listed in the Policy, it is accepted that this may not always be feasible, and each application will be determined on its own merits. Where an application is either contrary or outside the scope of the policy, then the onus is on the applicant to demonstrate why it should be considered for approval.

It is also accepted that there will be development that is of a scale or nature where some specifics of the Policy do not apply but the overall principles remain. Equally specifics can apply to small scale development as per the example highlighted in paragraph 2.3 of the Council's Matter 11 Statement.

The interpretation of a Policy against an application before them relies on the professional judgement of the planning officer and their consultees as to the weight, standing and relevance of any aspect of that Policy.

The Council is confident that INF1 is a robust workable policy in line with national policy and one that is implementable, and defensible, based on the assessment of individual applications and Officer Judgement.