

Eden District Local Plan Examination

Issues and Questions for Examination at the
Hearing Sessions

Issue S: Policy COM2

Statement by Eden District Council

April 2016

Issue S - Policy COM2 - Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities

Does the Policy reflect National Policy and Guidance?

We are satisfied that Policy COM2 reflects the requirements set out in the NPPF, in particular paragraph 9 bullet point one, which states that LPAs should:

“plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments;”

Policy COM2 also complies with the requirements of NPPF paragraphs 73 and 74, ensuring that residents have access to open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation.

Responses to Representations

There is one outstanding comment regarding Policy COM2. The respondent (Respondent ID: 4/ Response ID: 7) commented that Policy COM2 should be replaced by the existing Core Strategy Policy CS24.

The Council replied that it considers the wording of SD001: Eden Local Plan 2014-32 Submission Draft Policy COM2 to be more positively worded than the existing core strategy Policy CS24. It also considers the amended wording to better reflect the National Planning Policy Framework.