

Email 30 August 2016 from the Council to the Environment Agency

From: Phil Megson To: Jeremy Pickup

Hello Jeremy,

I refer to housing sites N1, N1a,N2 and N3 (North Penrith) in the Submission Draft Eden Local Plan 2014 to 2032. All 4 sites encroach on Groundwater Source Protection Zone 2 and 3 of the sites encroach on GSPZ 1.

This plan is currently at Examination. The Inspector has raised an issue regarding the GSPZ (see below).

I have checked our records and I have been unable to find a consultation response from the EA that specifically refers to the GSPZ.

Please could you confirm that the EA, in considering its response to the Submission Draft Local Plan (your ref NO/2013/104973/CS-)2/SB1-L01), whilst not specifically referring to the GSPZ, took account of the potential impacts of housing development on the GSPZ.

Your early response would be appreciated as the Examination resumes on 12 September.

Kind regards,

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Subject: FW: Major Development Penrith north

Phil

Would you explore the following from the Inspector please and let me have a response:

In its representation (No. 44) United Utilities express concern over the selection of a major area for housing development to the north of Penrith, pointing out that the area is designated as a Groundwater Source Protection Zone (GSPZ) and that two boreholes would be within 50 metres of some of the proposed development. The boreholes supply over 7,000 properties in Penrith with drinking water, hence UU's concern about the potential for pollution should development take place. GSPZs are designated by the Environment Agency (EA) and it is usual for it to make representations if they are affected by development proposals. The EA's representation is contained in Rep no 2 but its response makes no reference to the GSPZ. Could you check whether or not there are further representations from the EA and in particular ones that refer to the GSPZ. If not could you check that it was specifically consulted about the GSPZ.

Thank you.

Tony

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