Inspector’s Q107

I am satisfied with all but one of the responses to my question 2 and would like to see the modifications proposed in due course but have the following follow-up question to question 2(xiv);

I did not sufficiently articulate my concern in the way I phrased this question originally and request the Council to revisit this response in the light of the following. I meant to make two points; firstly to point out that the last sentence of paragraph 4.174 duplicates policy D5(d) with additional requirements not stated in the policy itself; secondly, to point out that paragraph 4.175 seems to be expounding a policy which is heralded in the penultimate sentence of paragraph 1.14 of the plan and in objective 1 of paragraph 2.6, justified in paragraphs 6.1-6.10 and expressed in policies E1 and E2 but without the specific policy requirement of the final sentence of paragraph 4.175.

AVDC Response

The aim of the text at the end of paragraph 4.174 is to illustrate what is meant by the use of the word ‘appropriate’ in criteria d. of policy D5. However if the details in the supporting text are felt to be better located within the policy then the council will be happy to propose such a modification.

As noted the content of paragraph 4.175 does not relate at all well to the content of the following policy. Instead the content relates to the topics of policies E1 and E2 which relate to the protection of employment land but the last sentence does not relate well even to those policies. The last sentence should therefore be replaced by a cross reference to policies E1 and E2. The content of the last sentence could then be added to policy E2 as it is suggested that trying to retain viable businesses should be a part of that policy.