

VALE OF AYLESBURY LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

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Inspector's Questions to the Council:

Q109

Q109 In relation to the Council's response to Q20, I agree that listing within VALP heritage assets most at risk would not be appropriate and I agree that NPPF paragraph 126 only requires a strategy. My concern with VALP paragraphs 8.38 and 8.39 and policy BE1 is that it is reactive rather than proactive. It sets out how the Council will react to proposals which come forward. What I was hoping to see, in the evidence base, was an analysis of which of the District's heritage assets are at risk through neglect, decay or other threats, followed through, in the plan itself, by positive proposals to deal with those risks. For example, the Council's response to my Q19 quite rightly points me to paragraphs 4.134 and 4.135 in relation to site allocation D-HAL003, RAF Halton. Those paragraphs note the existence of listed buildings. There is an implied risk to them. But I look in vain in the policy proposal D-HAL003 for any element of a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of those heritage assets. In relation to that site, this is a matter raised by representations to the plan and can be discussed further in the Hearing Session for matter 15r on 17 July. Outside the discussion on that matter but in relation to the plan area in general I would appreciate the Council's observations on whether the Council has identified, in its evidence base, any other heritage assets at risk and whether VALP contains positive proposals to deal with those risks.

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