Dear Carmel,

At the opening of the hearings today the council stated that it was awaiting clarification from Sport England with regards to 4 sites as to whether they were officially playing fields. The 4 sites are listed below.

1. Former Holy Trinity School, Lonsdale Road, Formby – Sefton Local Plan site MN2.14 (Confirmed not now playing fields).
2. (Former) Rawson Road Primary School (Bootle & Netherton) MN2.40 (Confirmed not now playing fields).
3. (Former) St John Stone School, Meadow Lane, Ainsdale (Southport) MN2.9 (awaiting clarification).
4. Land at Sandbrook Road, Ainsdale (Southport) MN2.10 (awaiting clarification).

I can confirm we have received confirmation from Sport England that the first 2 sites on the list (MN2.14 and MN2.40) do not meet the definition of a playing field and are therefore outside the scope of the PPS, these will be removed in the next version of the Playing Pitch Strategy in due course. We are still awaiting clarification for the 2 other sites MN2.9 +2.10.

I thought it would be useful to clarify this issue as soon as possible as in terms of the timetable MN2.40 is scheduled to be discussed this Thursday, (the other sites are due to be discussed on Tuesday the 8th December.)

Regards

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