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REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF HERCULES UNIT TRUST C/O BRITISH LAND COMPANY PLC

We are instructed by our client, Hercules Unit Trust c/o British Land Company Plc, to make representations on the Examination Modification Consultation of the Walsall Town Centre Area Action Plan. Accordingly, please find attached correspondence setting out these representations.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF HERCULES UNIT TRUST C/O BRITISH LAND COMPANY PLC

Introduction

We are instructed by our client, Hercules Unit Trust c/o British Land Company Plc (HUT), to make representations on the Examination Modification Consultation of the Walsall Town Centre Area Action Plan.

The Hercules Unit Trust is the owner of the Crown Wharf Shopping Park on Wolverhampton Street (the 'Shopping Park'). The Shopping Park accommodates approximately 21,500 sq. m of retail floorspace and is an established retail destination within Walsall. It is located directly adjacent to the current defined Primary Shopping Area (PSA) and benefits from direct links with the Primary Shopping Frontages.

Given the scale of the Shopping Park, the permitted retail use and the existing tenants, it is considered to be an integral part of the overall attractiveness of Walsall Town Centre as a retail and commercial destination. The established role and function of the Shopping Park should be properly acknowledged within the AAP.

As part of this correspondence we provide evidence to support the representations and comments on the overall objectives of the AAP and the specific policies.

General Comments

The National Planning Policy Framework ('**NPPF**') requires all Local Plans to be based upon and reflect the presumption in favour of sustainable development, with clear policies that will guide how the presumption should be applied locally.

Local planning authorities should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of their area and Local Plans should meet objectively assessed needs with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change. They should be consistent with the principles and policies of the NPPF, and should be aspirational but realistic to address spatial implication of economic, social and environmental dimensions.

As the Local Plan documents are finalised, it is important that they adhere to the requirements of the NPPF in promoting growth and positive economic development in the Borough.

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Our client supports the creation of a comprehensive strategy to guide new development in Walsall Town Centre. As a key landholder and stakeholder in the Town Centre, HUT has a desire to see enhancement in the vitality and viability of Walsall through new investment and careful management. The AAP correctly seeks to directly new commercial and non-commercial development to the Town Centre in the first instance given its highly sustainable location.

Our client is disappointed that the evidence submitted in our previous representations and planning applications at the Shopping Park has not been utilised in the production of the AAP. This is despite evidence prepared in support of planning applications on other sites being used in the document to inform policies such as AAPLV7 and AAPINV5.

The main modifications to the AAP includes reference to new evidence base documents therefore, there is an opportunity to enhance the AAP policies through reference to the shopper surveys set out below.

Town Centre Shopper Surveys

In January 2009, a Survey of 315 shoppers in Walsall Town Centre was undertaken by NEMS market research on behalf our client. The Survey sought to gain an understanding of shoppers' perception of the Shopping Park's role within the retail function of Walsall town centre.

A copy of the Survey results are included as part of these Representations at **Appendix 1** although the key findings are summarised below:

- Approximately 70% of shoppers stated Crown Wharf Shopping Park forms part of Walsall's main shopping area;
- Approximately 90% of shoppers had visited Crown Wharf in the last 12 months;
- Approximately **90%** of shoppers who had visited in the last 12 months said they would typically link trips between the PSA and Crown Wharf; and
- Approximately **80%** of shoppers who had visited in the last 12 months consider Crown Wharf to be an important part of Walsall's shopping provision.

Shopping Park Visitor Surveys

In January 2014, both footfall and vehicle count surveys were conducted at the Shopping Park to provide up to date empirical evidence regarding trips to the site and linkages to the defined Primary Shopping Area (PSA) (**Appendix 2**).

The survey shows that during w/c 6 January 2014, 30,000 people visited the Shopping Park by car and 25,000 visited on foot.

Of the 25,000 pedestrians entering the Shopping Park, 20,389 (82%) did so using the south east entrance via Shaw Street. That entrance links the Shopping Park directly with the defined PSA. The data provides clear evidence that customers using the PSA also visit the Shopping Park as part of their overall trip to Walsall Town Centre.

Proposed Amendments to AAP

The shopper and visitor surveys detailed above should be used in conjunction with the existing evidence base to ensure the AAP is justified and effective. This evidence was substantiated by the Planning Inspectorate in appeal decision in respect of the Shopping Park¹.

¹ Appeal Ref: APP/V4630/A/14/2213650



The empirical evidence supports our assertion that the Shopping Park already functions as an integral part of the town centre's retail provision and overall attraction as a retail and commercial destination. It follows that it is entirely appropriate for the Shopping Park to be included within the defined PSA.

In addition to amending Policy AAPS1, the empirical evidence submitted with these representations would assist in the final drafting of the following policies:

- AAP1 Walsall Town Centre Boundary;
- AAPS2 New Retail Development;
- AAPLV7 Enhancing the Public Realm;
- AAPT1 Pedestrian Movement, Access and Linkages;
- AAPT5 Car Parking; and
- AAPINV5 Park Street Shopping Core.

Summary and Conclusion

We trust that these representations are helpful and will be taken in to consideration in the finalisation of the document. We would be grateful if you can keep us updated of any further stages of consultation so we can provide comments as may be required

Should you require any clarification or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact at these offices.

Yours faithfully



Savills (UK) Ltd Retail Planning APPENDIX 1 – 2009 SHOPPER SURVEY

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APPENDIX 2 – 2014 CROWN WHARF SHOPPING PARK VISITOR SURVEY

PEDESTRIAN MARKET RESEARCH SERVICES

CROWN WHARF SHOPPING PARK January 2014

FOOTFALL SURVEY



BESPOKE REPORT

Survey Date 9th & 11th January 2014

Weather

Thursday: Dry, Cold & Bright Saturday: Dry, Cold & Bright

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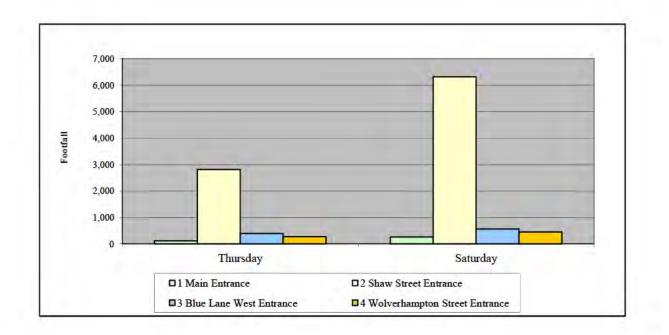
CROWN WHARF SHOPPING PARK

Summary - Entering Only

	Access Point	Thursday	Saturday	Estimated Week (Mon-Sat)
1	Main Entrance Wolverhampton Street	118	261	851
2	Shaw Street Entrance Adjacent to Starbucks Coffee	2,814	6,319	20,389
3	Blue Lane West Entrance Adjacent to Maplin Elec	397	568	2,553
4	Wolverhampton Street Entrance Adjacent to Asda Living	272	451	1,811
1	Total	3,601	7,599	25,604

CROWN WHARF SHOPPING PARK

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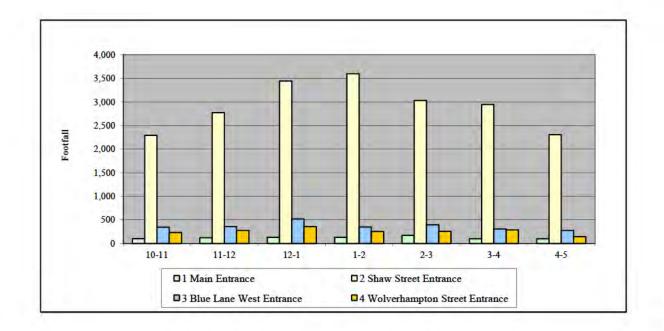
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Estimated Weekly Footfall - Entering Only Hourly Analysis

	Access Point	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	Week Total	Hourly Average
1	Main Entrance Wolverhampton Street	102	122	130	132	172	96	97	851	122
2	Shaw Street Entrance Adjacent to Starbucks Coffee	2,292	2,773	3,445	3,597	3,030	2,945	2,307	20,389	2,913
3	Blue Lane West Entrance Adjacent to Maplin Elec	346	360	517	348	397	308	277	2,553	365
4	Wolverhampton Street Entrance Adjacent to Asda Living	234	278	354	253	258	288	146	1,811	259
	Total	2,974	3,533	4,446	4,330	3,857	3,637	2,827	25,604	

CROWN WHARF SHOPPING PARK

Estimated Weekly Footfall - Entering Only Hourly Analysis



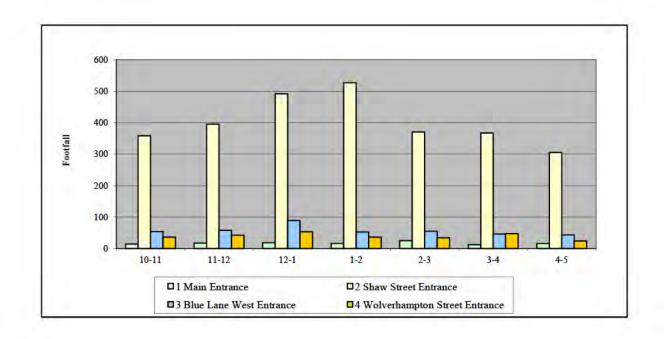
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Hourly Analysis - Entering Only Thursday 9th January 2014

	Access Point	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	Daily Total	Hourly Average
1	Main Entrance Wolverhampton Street	14	17	18	16	25	12	16	118	17
2	Shaw Street Entrance Adjacent to Starbucks Coffee	358	395	492	527	370	367	305	2,814	402
3	Blue Lane West Entrance Adjacent to Maplin Elec	54	58	89	52	55	46	43	397	57
4	Wolverhampton Street Entrance Adjacent to Asda Living	36	42	53	36	34	47	24	272	39
	Total	462	512	652	631	484	472	388	3,601	

CROWN WHARF SHOPPING PARK

Hourly Analysis - Entering Only Thursday 9th January 2014



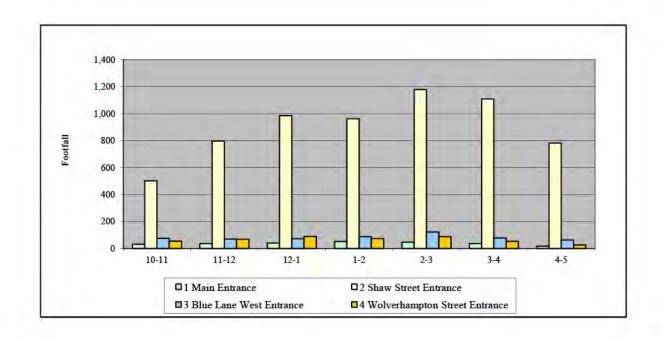
CROWN WHARF SHOPPING PARK

Hourly Analysis - Entering Only Saturday 11th January 2014

	Access Point	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	Daily Total	Hourly Average
1	Main Entrance Wolverhampton Street	32	37	40	52	47	36	17	261	37
2	Shaw Street Entrance Adjacent to Starbucks Coffee	502	798	985	962	1,180	1,110	782	6,319	903
3	Blue Lane West Entrance Adjacent to Maplin Elec	76	70	72	88	122	78	62	568	81
4	Wolverhampton Street Entrance Adjacent to Asda Living	54	68	89	73	88	53	26	451	64
	Total	664	973	1,186	1,175	1,437	1,277	887	7,599	

CROWN WHARF SHOPPING PARK

Hourly Analysis - Entering Only Saturday 11th January 2014



NOTES

Crown Wharf Shopping Park

1 Fieldwork

Fieldwork was undertaken on Thursday 9th and Saturday 11th January 2014, between the hours of 10am and 5pm.

2 Location

Enumeration was conducted at 1) Main Entrance, Wolverhampton Street, 2) Shaw Street Entrance (adjacent to Starbucks), 3) Blue Lane West Entrance (adjacent to Maplin) & 4) Wolverhampton Street Entrance (adjacent to Asda Living) on the Crown Wharf Shopping Park, Walsall.

3 Pedestrian Movement

All pedestrians entering the Crown Wharf Shopping Park only were enumerated. Those exiting were not included in the count. Babes in arms or pushchairs were also excluded.

4 Sample Times

A single sample count of fifty minutes duration was recorded within each hour at each location. Samples were subsequently multiplied by 1.2 to give hourly footfall totals. To determine estimated weekly (Mon-Sat) values, the Thurs totals were multiplied by five and added to those for Saturday.

5 Special Notes None.



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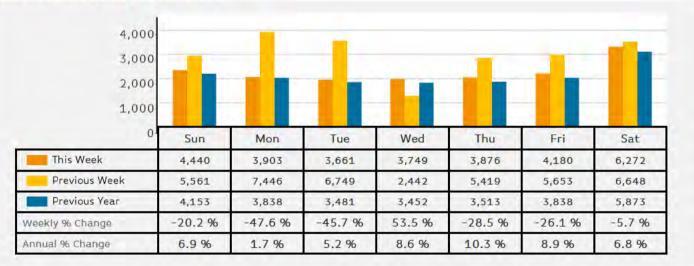
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Week 2, 2014 05/01/2014 to 11/01/2014 Sunday to Saturday 00:00 to 23:59

COUNT TYPE: Vehicle Counts

Headlines	Weekly Visit	tors		
The total number of visitors to Crown Wharf for the last 52 weeks is 1,779,779 which is 0.5% down on the previous year.		Annual % Change YTD	Annual% Change	Weekly % Change
The total number of visitors for the year to date is 69,997 which is 9.5% up on the previous year.	Centre	9.5 %	▲ 6.9 %	7 -24.6 %
The total number of visitors to Crown Wharf in week commencing 5 January 2014 was 30,080.	Region*	4.7 %	4.7 %	-8.1 %
The busiest day in week commencing 5 January 2014 was Saturday with 6,271 visitors.	National*	3.6 %	à 2.0 %	7 -9.3 %

Vehicle Counts by Day of the Week



Vehicle Counts by Month - Weekly Average



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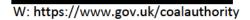
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Dear Planning Policy Team

Following the policy consultation on 23 February 2018, please find attached our comments relating to the above policy. If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised, please contact us.

Regards

Planning and Local Authority Liaison team



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Walsall Town Centre Area Action Plan - Examination Modifications Consultation

UR681

Consultation Deadline – 9 April 2018

<u>Contact Details</u> Planning and Local Authority The Coal Authority 200 Lichfield Lane Berry Hill MANSFIELD Nottinghamshire NG18 4RG	Liaison Department	
Planning Email: Planning Enquiries:		
<u>Date</u> 5 April 2018		

Walsall Town Centre Area Action Plan - Examination Modifications Consultation

Thank you for your notification received on the 26 February 2018 in respect of the above consultation.

It is noted that Main Modification **MMI** relates to Policy AAPINV7(f) Minerals Safeguarding Area (MSA) – I can confirm that the Coal Authority has no objection to the modification proposed.

Regards

Team Leader - Planning Liaison

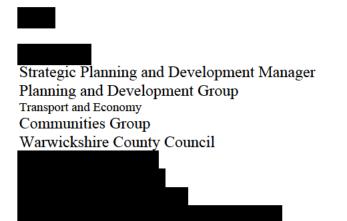
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To:	planningpolicy
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Attachments:	Statement of Representations Procedure - AAP.pdf; Statement of Representations Procedure - SAD.pdf

Hi

Thank you for consulting Warwickshire County Council. We have no observations to make on these consultations.

Kind regards



Website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/environment

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From:

Date: 23 February 2018 at 11:41

Subject: Examination Modifications Consultation Walsall SAD and AAP (26th February - 9th April 2018) To:

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09 April 2018 09:25 planningpolicy Examination Modifications Consultation Walsall SAD and AAP- Our Ref:PL0097

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your consultation on the above application.

The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has no comment on the proposals.

Yours Sincerely,



Customer Correspondence Team One Kemble Street London WC2B 4AN 0207 282 2000 Web: ORR.gov.uk Follow us on twitter @railandroad

From: planningpolicy Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 11:37 AM Subject: Examination Modifications Consultation Walsall SAD and AAP (26th February - 9th April 2018)

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You have been contacted because you have previously commented on the plans, registered your interest with us or you are likely to have a potential interest in the plans. If you do not wish to be contacted about these plans in the future please tell us using the contact details below.

What is the Modifications Consultation?

The Main Modifications are proposed by the Inspector under section 7C of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004:

"(7C)If asked to do so by the local planning authority, the person appointed to carry out the examination must recommend modifications of the document that would make it one that: -

- a) satisfies the requirements mentioned in subsection (5)(a), and
- b) is sound."



1st March, 2018.

Executive Director, Economy and Environment, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall. WS1 1DG

Dear

Thank you for your letter explaining the progress and proposed modifications by the inspector regarding (SAD) and (AAP).

We attended a meeting at The Butts Primary School yesterday evening and looked at the plans again.

We do not feel qualified to make any additional comments at this stage but wish you every success when the plans are re-presented.

We would be grateful to be kept informed as to the eventual outcome.

Many thanks.



UR2274

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	ition with regard to the above. nd has no comments to make with regard to the above consultation.
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Many thanks	
West Midlands Area Teal Planning for a Better Env Natural England	m (East) Urban Planning Lead Adviser ironment Team

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Please see attached o	ur response in relation to the above named consultation,
Regards,	
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The Cube 199 Wharfside Street Birmingham B1 1RN www.highways.gov.uk

Direct Line: 0300 470 2963

22 March 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

WALSALL SITE ALLOCATIONS DOCUMENT AND WALSALL AREA ACTION PLAN

Thank you for forwarding me details of the above referenced consultation. Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). It is our role to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth. In relation to these consultation documents, our principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the M6 Motorway and A5 Trunk Road.

Highways England welcome the opportunity to comment on the latest modifications to Walsall Council's Site Allocations Document (SAD) and the Area Action Plan (AAP) and have undertaken a review in order to consider the potential implications for our network associated with these plans.

Following this review, we have no concerns with regard to the effects of the modifications to the SAD or AAP on the operation of the SRN. We therefore have no further comments to make beyond our previous comments on the SAD.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information or clarification.

Yours sincerely







From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments:

06 April 2018 12:44 planningpolicy Environment Agency Response to: UT/2006/000279/AP-06/EW1-L01 PlanningProposal.rtf

The Local Development Document has been reviewed and I enclose the Environment Agency's comments on: Area Action Plan

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Area Action Plan

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Date:

6th April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

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Thank you for consulting the Examination Modifications to Walsall Site Allocation Document and Walsall Town Centre Area Action Plan.

We are the main Agency providing advice on improving resilience and adaptation to the effects of climate change, with particular regard on flood risk, water resources, water quality and aquatic biodiversity.

We strive to make a positive contribution through our Statutory Consultee role and are happy to provide comments at this stage of the plan making process.

Examination Modifications to Walsall Site Allocation Document

The Environment Agency has been in discussion with Walsall Council regarding Policy EN3 - Flood Risk in particular with regards to the wording of footnote (MM16). We are satisfied with wording and have no further comments to make.

Walsall Town Centre Area Action Plan (AAP)

We have no further comment to add with regards to Walsall Town Centre AAP. Please to refer to our letter ref UT/2006/000279/AP-05/SB1-L01 dated 6th January 2017.

Yours faithfully

Planning Specialist

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Liz Forster

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

04 April 2018 13:23 planningpolicy RE: Examination Modifications Consultation Walsall SAD and AAP (26th February - 9th April 2018)

Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for your consultation on the modifications to the Walsall SAD and AAP.

As you are aware the Trust attended the examination hearing in relation to Policy EN4 and at that meeting a rewording of the Policy was agreed. The Modifications proposed reflect those discussions and on that basis the Trust have no further comments to make.

Kind regards

Area Planner (West Midlands)

Canal and River Trust, Heritage Skills Centre, Canal Lane, Hatton, Warwickshire, CV35 7JL

From:

Sent: 23 February 2018 11:35

To:

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments:

27 March 2018 16:18 planningpolicy Walsall SAD Examination Modifications Consultation Examaination Modifications Response Form - SAD.docx

Hi,

Please see attached Sport England's comments on the Walsall SAD Examination Modification Plan.

Kind regards

Planning Manager, West Midlands - Central Hub



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Comments

Please state clearly the modification you are commenting on and include modification number and policy reference, site references and chapter titles where relevant. To avoid confusion, please complete a separate sheet for each modification that you wish to comment on.

Modification Number							
MM3 (relating to Appendix 1) MM4 (relating to policy AAPLE2	2)						
Do you suppo	rt or object to the modifica	tion?					
	Support						
Do you believe this modification							
is in line with the following tests of soundness (place an X in the		Yes	No	Not Sure			
relevant box(es))	Positively prepared	Х					
	Justified	Х					
	Effective	Х					
	Consistent with national policy	Х					
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Comments on why the modification meets / does not meet the tests of soundness (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Sport England supports MM3 which identifies those UDP policies that are saved and are not replaced by the SAD which include Policy LC6 relating to Sports Pitches and LC7 relating to Indoor Sport.

Sport England supports MM4 relating to policy AAPLE2 which protects Gala Baths as a key location for sports provision in the centre.

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What changes do you consider would be needed to make the modification meet the tests of soundness? (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

The Main Modifications have been the subject of a Sustainability Appraisal. We have also published 'Minor Modifications' (minor edits and factual changes). These documents are available on our website at: www.walsall.gov.uk/local_plans/evidence

If you would like to comment on any of the new or updated supporting documents or evidence please do so here. Again, it would be useful to have evidence to support any points you make.