Hi,

Here are a few comments on the Burscough Local Plan

3.1 in Historical Development the third sentence just refers to “The Mere”. But it hasn’t been mentioned previously at this stage. For better understanding you really need to make the first mention in this section say “When Martin Mere was at its full extent…….” After this first mention you could then simply refer to it as the “Mere”. Readers will then know what you are talking about.

3.12 employment sites – although it is mentioned in the visitor economy, there is no mention of WWT Martin Mere as an important employment site, yet it is likely that Martin Mere employs as many people as some of the smaller areas mentioned. (30 year round full time staff, increasing to 65 when including part time and seasonal positions). There has never been any discussion or reference to Martin Mere as an important employment site throughout the putting together of the local plan and yet (see below) it has a major importance for employment in the local economy. This is especially important as there could be scope, with future development, to increase employment at this site.

3.34 The Lancaster University report is now five years old and so the figures of value to the economy need to be updated in line with inflation, or it stated that they are 2014 figures.

6.1.14 says that a list of projects has been identified that the parish council will use CIL money for. It says those projects are identified in chapter 7. However Chapter 7 does not identify specific projects. It seems like it may be identifying wide areas that projects could cover such as Flood Risk and Burscough Centre but there are no specific projects listed. Furthermore, it is not clear from the layout of the report as to where these “projects” start and finish. Are you talking about everything being included for CIL money from Flood Risk at 7.14 right down to Feasibility studies at 7.28? This all needs to be clearer and, perhaps, more specific.

Appendix 3.7 - The table has a typo and is wrong. There has not been a gain of 3177 adults in the 65 to 74 age range. There has been a gain of only 177 so you have an errant “3” before the 177.

Cheers

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