

PM 3.10 S12 EXISTING FOOD SUPERSTORES

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Summary of Objection

Deletion of Policy S12 – Existing food superstores. In respect of proposed supporting text (paragraph 3.33) there is concern that the paragraph presumes against certain types of proposal without providing any criteria allowing applicants to justify proposals on their policy merits. This is an unreasonable position as proposals may be undertaken without any detriment to vitality and viability of town centres. Furthermore it is possible that retail planning context may change over the plan period. Proposed change - New criteria should set out the circumstances when the Council may treat proposals as being outside the scope of the normal policy approach (paragraph 3.33).

Council's Response and Reasoning

It is considered to be unnecessary to expand the text as requested in order to address circumstances when the policy does not apply. The policy provides a presumption against new out-of-centre superstores and this reflects the lack of proven need for such development. The form of wording set out in the Proposed Modification (PM 3.10) is considered to reflect the Inspector's Recommendation.

Proposed Further Modification

No change.