Dear LDP

I note the proposed Minor Changes.

I think some of the grammatical changes made in MC26A and MC26B are misplaced.

MC26A replaces the words "retail hierarchy" with "sequential approach". I consider the retail hierarchy enables a range of retailing opportunities appropriate to the needs of the Community.

The sequential approach (which is actually the Sequential Test) is a tool that guides decisions. I would suggest the proposed modification is not made, and left as ‘retail hierarchy’.

MC26B adds the text “For a site to be considered as edge of centre a default distance threshold of 300 metres from the town centre will apply”. The word “default” is not needed. The Council can and should set its own edge of centre threshold. If this is 300m then it should state it. The default distance is provided in the absence of a figure in a draft Plan Strategy. I suggest the word ‘default’ is deleted.

Regards

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