

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION
DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
AND
OUTLINE PROGRAMME OF HEARINGS

Notes

- i. This draft schedule and outline programme is provisional and flexible and subject to detailed refinement and variation depending on the responses to the invitation to participate and any further issues raised.*
- ii. Representors are asked to consider the following matters and to confirm to the Programme Officer by 28 November 2016 whether or not they wish to attend the Hearings beginning on Thursday 5 January 2017 on which Matter or Matters they wish to speak, indicating if possible which sub matters or issues are of specific relevance to their representations .*
- iii. For the reasons explained in the Guidance Note from the Inspector [IN/03], Representors promoting an 'omission' site, as an alternative or in addition to those allocated in the Plan, must redirect their representation to an appropriate session addressing the soundness of the Plan as submitted. There will be no sessions for omission sites because it will be for the Council to propose additional sites if required for soundness.*
- iv. If Representors consider that any additional Matter or issue not listed below should be set down for discussion, they should notify the Programme Officer as soon as possible. The Inspector will then consider whether to amend the programme.*
- v. As part of the consideration of the Matters for discussion, due attention will be given any Main Modifications (MMs) to the Plan as to whether they are necessary and sufficient, with or without further amendment, to make the Plan sound.*

DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

[numeric references are to evidence base and examination documents]

1. Legal Compliance and Future Plan Review

- a. Is the Plan legally compliant with respect to:
 - i. the Local Development Scheme (LDS)[LP/15]
 - ii. the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) [LP/16]
 - iii. Sustainability Appraisal (SA) [LP/04-06]
 - iv. the Habitats Regulations and any requirement for appropriate assessment [LP/11]
 - v. the provisions of the 2004 Act and Local Plan Regulations 2012 (as amended) for the preparation of the Plan [LP/19, EX/09B, EX/10]
 - vi. national policy (*subject also to consideration under the further matters below*)?

- b. Is the Plan and its preparation compliant with the statutory Duty to Co-operate (DTC) with prescribed bodies regarding cross-boundary strategic matters, including housing requirements in particular? (*subject also to consideration under further matters below*) [LP/14, EX/04, HO/4, CR/01, CR/04, CR/08]

- c. Does Policy S1 of the Plan, with the MM proposed by the Council, make appropriate, justified and effective provision in current circumstances for early review of the Plan to take into account the conclusions, yet to be published, of the joint Housing and Employment Needs Assessment (HEDNA) and/or other research? (*subject also to consideration under further matters below*) [LP/14,LP/20,BP/01,EX/05-08]

2. Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy

- a. Is the Plan founded upon justified and effective Vision and Objectives?

- b. Is the Spatial Strategy of the Plan justified and effective, in particular with respect to:
 - i. reasonable alternatives [LP04-05]
 - ii. the chosen settlement hierarchy:
 1. within the District
 2. having regard to the proximity of towns in neighbouring Districts [BP/02]
 - iii. the definition of the scale and Limits of Development:
 1. Coalville
 2. village settlements
 - iv. the overall distribution of development, in particular between Coalville and Ashby de la Zouch
 - v. the re-use of previously developed (brownfield) land
 - vi. sustainable patterns of transport?

3. Housing Land Requirement

- a. Is the future housing development requirement of the Plan, stated in Policy S1, derived from a full objective assessment of need (OAN) within an appropriately defined housing market area (HMA) unconstrained by local considerations? *[BP/01, HO/01, HO/03]*
- b. Is the future housing land requirement of Policy S1 robustly based on appropriate adjustments to the OAN to take account of:
 - i. the latest practically available national population and household projections
 - ii. headship rates
 - iii. affordability
 - iv. economic growth
 - v. other market signals and
 - vi. national policy to boost housing supply?
[HO/01, HO/03]
- c. Is the future housing land requirement of Policy S1 robustly based on appropriate adjustments to the OAN to take account of the employment generation potential of the East Midlands Gateway Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) and evidence of the likely residential locations and travel patterns of its workforce? *[HO/01]*

4. Affordable Housing and Viability

- a. Are the numerical thresholds for, and levels of, contribution set by Policy H4 for affordable housing from new development robustly supported by evidence of viability? *[LP/09]*
- b. Should provision be made in Policy H4 to accommodate Government low-cost housing initiatives?
- c. To what extent do the provisions of Policy H4, and the evidence supporting it, apply to currently undeveloped housing sites with planning permission or resolutions to approve nominated in Policies H1 and H2 and does this have any implications for their delivery?
- d. Is the Viability Assessment of the Plan as a whole based on appropriate input data and benchmark land values so as to demonstrate that development is likely to come forward supported by necessary infrastructure? *[LP/09]*

5. Housing Land Supply

- a. Are the housing sites with planning permission nominated in Policy H1 deliverable in terms of national policy and guidance and as indicated in the Housing Trajectory?
[BP/04 as updated from October 2016, HO/05-06]

- b. Are the housing sites with resolutions to approve nominated in Policy H2 deliverable in terms of national policy and guidance and as indicated in the Housing Trajectory? *[BP/04]*
- c. Should the housing sites with resolutions to approve nominated in Policy H2 be formally allocated in the Plan? *[BP/04]*
- d. Are the housing sites allocated by Policy H3a-c justified and deliverable in terms of national policy and guidance and as indicated in the Housing Trajectory? *[BP/04]*
- e. Does the Housing Trajectory demonstrate realistically that the housing development for which the Plan provides will come forward within the Plan period? *[BP/04]*
- f. Is it robustly demonstrated that the Plan can deliver a Five Year Housing Land Supply (5YHLS) throughout the Plan period, calculated in accordance with national policy and guidance, taking account of past delivery performance and applying the appropriate five or twenty per cent supply buffer. *[BP/04]*
- g. Does the Plan make appropriate provision for Gypsy and Traveller sites? *[BP/05, HO/07]*
- h. Can the environmental effects of the housing sites allocated by Policy H3a-c be acceptably mitigated when compared with reasonable alternatives *[LP/04-05]*
- i. Is the inclusion of additional land and increase in the allocated housing capacity of Site H3a, Money Hill, from 1,750 to 2,050 by MM now proposed by the Council (1,500 in the Plan period) justified on available evidence?

6. Employment

- a. Is the future employment development requirement of the Plan, stated in Policy S1, derived from robust evidence of need, pending the conclusions yet to be published of the HEDNA and subject to Policy S1 for early review of the Plan if found necessary? *[BP/01, BP/06, EC/04]*
- b. Does Policy Ec1 make appropriate provision regarding uncompleted employment sites with planning permission and is its assumed contribution to employment land supply supported by robust evidence?
- c. Is the employment allocation by Policy Ec2 at Money Hill deliverable and sufficient to ensure that the requirement is met within the Plan period?

- d. Can the environmental effects of the employment site, including any potential for mineral sterilisation, at Money Hill, allocated by Policy Ec2, be acceptably mitigated when compared with reasonable alternatives? *[LP/04-05]*
- e. Does Policy Ec3, with minor changes M14-15, make appropriate provision for existing employment sites? *[BP/06]*
- f. Do Policies Ec4-6, with minor changes M17-22, include appropriate provisions for East Midlands Airport? *[BP/07]*
- g. Does Policy Ec7, with minor changes M23-24, include appropriate provisions for Donington Park? *[BP/08]*

7. Retail

- a. Do Policies Ec8-12 make appropriate provisions for Retail Development, having regard to likely population growth? *[EC/08]*
[BP/09, EC/07]
- b. Does Policy Ec10 make appropriate provisions regarding Primary and Secondary Shopping frontage designation? *[BP/09]*

8. Countryside and Open Space

- a. Is Policy En5 consistent with national policy in designating 'Areas of Separation'? *[BP/12]*
- b. Does Policy En5 make appropriate provision for Areas of Separation between Coalville and Whitwick? *[BP/12]*
- c. Should the Plan formally designate Local Green Spaces (LGS)?
- d. Should any LGS designations be delegated to Neighbourhood Plans?

9. Environmental and Heritage

- a. Do Policies En1-4, En6 and He1-2 make appropriate provisions for the protection of recognised environmental, ecological and heritage interests in accordance with national policy? *[BP/10, BP/11]*

10. Implementation and Monitoring

- a. Does the Plan make appropriate provision for the monitoring of its implementation?

OUTLINE PROGRAMME OF HEARINGS

Date	Time	Matters	Venue
Week 1			
Thursday 5 January 2017	10.00am	1 2 8	Heartwood Conferencing
Friday 6 January 2017	9.00am 4.00 pm finish	3	Heartwood Conferencing
Week 2			
Monday 9 January 2017	Noon	4	Heartwood Conferencing
Tuesday 10 January 2017	10.00am	5	Heartwood Conferencing
Wednesday 11 January 2017	10.00am	6 7	Heartwood Conferencing
Thursday 12 January 2017	10.00am		<i>Council Chamber Contingency</i>
Week 3			
Monday 16 January 2017	Noon	9 10	Heartwood Conferencing
Tuesday 17 January 2017	10.00am		Heartwood Conferencing <i>Contingency</i>
Week 4			
<i>Monday 13 February 2017</i>	<i>Noon</i>		<i>Contingency</i>
<i>Tuesday 14 February 2017</i>	<i>10.00am</i>		<i>Contingency</i>
<i>Wednesday 15 February 2017</i>	<i>10.00am</i>		<i>Contingency</i>