

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF HEARINGS

Introduction

1. This note follows my initial questions [INSP1] and sits alongside additional questions [INSP2], examination guidance [INSP3], and a draft schedule of matters, issues and questions for phase 1 of hearings on strategic matters ('MIQs')[INSP5].
2. I have at this stage identified 10 matters central to establishing whether or not the Local Plan ('LP') is legally compliant and sound. Matters 1 to 8 are strategic matters related to the plan as a whole. Matter 9 relates to the appropriateness and adequacy of site allocations. Matter 10 relates to the soundness of development management policies [INSP5].
3. Those matters and this programme are provisional, and may be amended as the examination progresses. In line with INSP1 and NWBC2, I have taken a precautionary approach to setting the examination programme to avoid abortive work (in the event that I identify significant issues with the LP initially). This draft programme therefore does not set dates beyond the first week of hearings, where strategic matters 1 to 4 will be considered.
4. All morning hearing sessions will start at 0930 and afternoon sessions at 1400 at Council House, South Street, Atherstone CB9 1DE. Where two matters fall to one day, the second matter will commence no sooner than 1400. Some sessions may stray beyond provisionally allocated time, including into reserve days.

Draft programme

PHASE 1, STRATEGIC MATTERS	
<i>Week 1 (position statements due by 1700 on 31 August 2018)</i>	
Day 1 Tuesday 25 September 2018	Opening remarks Matter 1 , The Duty to Co-operate Matter 2 , Other legal requirements
Day 2 Wednesday 26 September 2018	Matter 3 , Housing needs and requirements (including objectively assessed housing needs for all members of the community, traveller site provision, redistribution from other areas, and five year land supply requirement)

Day 3 Thursday 27 September 2018	Matter 4 , Strategic approach, distribution of development and justification (including Sustainability Appraisal, spatial vision, strategic objectives, settlement hierarchy, assessment of reasonable alternatives)
<i>Week 2 (position statements due by 1700 on 31 August 2018)</i>	
Day 4 TBC	Matter 5 , Employment needs and requirements Matter 6 , Planning and environmental constraints (including the Green Belt, Meaningful Gap, heritage, flooding, climate change, and biodiversity)
Day 5 TBC	Matter 7 , Infrastructure provision Matter 8 , Viability and delivery
Day 6 TBC	Reserve day for strategic matters
PHASE 2, ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES	
<i>Week 3, position statement date and timing to be confirmed</i> Matter 9 , Allocations and supply of land for development requirements	
<i>Week 4, position statement date and timing to be confirmed</i> Matter 10 , Development management policies	
<i>Week 5, position statement date and timing to be confirmed</i> <i>Reserve week depending on progress, to address:</i> <i>(i) any issues arising during the course of examination,</i> <i>(ii) discussion on how matters 9 and 10 relate to strategic matters in the light of hearings, and</i> <i>(iii) any other matters not covered previously.</i>	

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