

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

HEARING AGENDA

MATTER 1, DUTY TO COOPERATE ('DtC')

Tuesday 25 September 2018, 0930 to around 1300
Council House, South Street, Atherstone CV9 1DE

Participants:

North Warwickshire Borough Council (NWBC)
Gladman Developments Ltd. (GDL), SLP330
Stoford Properties (SP), SLP335
Hallam Land Management Ltd. (HLM), SLP336
Bovis Homes Ltd. (BHL), SLP158
Prologis UK Ltd. (PUL), SLP446
Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd. (TWU), SLP343
Richborough Estates (RE), SLP430
Home Builders Federation (HBF), SLP289
Birmingham City Council (BCC), SLP105
Tamworth Borough Council (TBC), SLP324
IM properties (IMP), SLP439
Hodgetts Estates (HE), SLP429
Stella Doggett (SD), SLP338

Notes:

- i. Matter 1 will follow an introduction to the examination process, administrative matters, and any initial statement from NWBC.
- ii. Participants named in (brackets) against an item may be invited to open the discussion, but that is optional. [Square brackets] denote examination documents.
- iii. It is not intended to repeat introductory matters covered in INSP1-7, and participants should consult those documents, and others in the examination library, in framing their contributions.
- iv. This agenda is provisional and flexible, and refines the issues and questions [INSP5] primarily on the basis of submitted position statements.
- v. It may not be necessary to cover all issues and questions, and the agenda does not seek to confine discussion to only those points set out below.

ISSUES AND QUESTIONS

1.1 Has the Local Plan (LP) been prepared in accordance with the DtC?
(NWBC)(BCC)

i. Do additional documents submitted at examination by NWBC clarify, or add to, existing evidence in respect of the DtC?

ii. Is there a meaningful distinction between applying the principles of the DtC and achieving certain outcomes? (GDL)(TWU)(HLM)(HBF)¹

¹ Noting that CPRE, SLP447, PS.M1.05, contend that housing numbers have not been collaboratively agreed.

- 1.2 Have appropriate strategic cross boundary matters been identified?
(Noting paragraph 1.2.1 of NWBC's position statement PS.M1.01)
- i. Including in respect of economic growth at a strategic level?
(SP)(IMP)(PUL)
- 1.3 Have relevant local planning authorities and bodies prescribed in Regulation 4 engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis?
- i. Is there suitable evidence of such? [INSP1, NWBC4, CD/02]²(SP)(GDL)
- 1.4 What are the remaining areas of dispute between relevant bodies, and do they relate to the DtC? (Noting sections 1.1 and 1.4 of NWBC's position statement PS.M1.01)
- i. The Environment Agency (SLP302).
- ii. Tamworth Borough Council (SLP324). (TBC)
- iii. Historic England (SLP341).
- iv. Staffordshire County Council (SLP385).
- 1.5 What outcomes have resulted from the DtC? (links with question 1.1(i)).
- i. Have amendments been proposed by relevant bodies, NWBC or others?³
If so, do they relate to soundness? (SP)
- 1.6 Has exercising the DtC maximised the effectiveness of addressing strategic cross boundary matters?
- 1.7 Any other issues not addressed above.

² Including with the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SLP288), noting their representation expressing concern that the plan fails to 'acknowledge the growth context set by both the Coventry and Warwickshire SEP (updated 2016) and the proposals set out in the WMCA Strategic Economic Plan 2016.' And regarding the HS2 interchange in Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council's administrative area, noting paragraph 22 of INSP1.

³ For example in respect of up-to-date evidence referred to by Natural England (SLP314).