

**NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF HEARINGS, FURTHER UPDATED**

*Introduction*

1. This updated programme follows previous correspondence to the Council, in particular INSP13 and INSP12. It sits alongside examination guidance, an updated schedule of matters, issues and questions ('MIQs'), and an updated schedule of Main Modifications ('MMs')[INSP3, INSP5A, NWBC20A]. It sets out the future programming of examination hearings, referring to when any further position statements are due.
2. I originally identified 10 matters central to establishing whether or not the Local Plan is legally compliant and sound [INSP4]. Matters 1 to 8 are strategic matters related to the plan as a whole, and matters 1 to 4 were covered during the first hearing sessions in September 2018. Matter 9 relates to the appropriateness and adequacy of site allocations, and matter 10 to the soundness of development management policies. **MIQs in respect of matters 9 and 10 are now in INSP5A.**
3. My progress note of 14 December 2018 [INSP12] set out interim findings following initial hearing sessions and explained how the examination may progress. In that context hearing sessions for strategic matters 5 to 8, in respect of which the deadline for position statements has passed, are now scheduled for 26, 27 and 28 February 2019. **Agendas for matters 5, 6, 7 and 8 are also now available [INSP14 to INSP17].**
4. Hearing sessions for site allocations, matter 9, are scheduled for 2, 3 and 4 April 2019. Hearing sessions for development management policies, matter 10, are scheduled for 9, 10 and 11 April 2019. **As set out in INSP13, anyone wishing to submit position statements in respect of matters 9 and 10 should do so by 1700 on 8 March 2019.**
5. There is some contingency built into future hearing sessions. That will be used for discussing general housekeeping, MMs, and will also provide the opportunity to review certain strategic matters in the light of INSP12 and further work being undertaken by the Council in response to it. I have indicated those 'administrative' sessions in the programme below.
6. Where necessary the issues to be discussed during administrative sessions will be reflected in agendas, and I have separately asked the Council for their view on where any strategic issues arising from work in response to INSP12 would, in their view, best be incorporated into the future examination programme (so as both to ensure fair opportunity for comment and to minimise delay) [INSP13].

7. 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 on one day, the second will commence no sooner than 1400. Some sessions may stray beyond provisionally allocated time, including into reserve days.

### Draft programme, updated

<b>PHASE 1, STRATEGIC MATTERS</b>	
<i>Week 1 (position statements were due by 31 August 2018)</i>	
Day 1 Tuesday 25 September 2018	Opening remarks <b>Matter 1</b> , The Duty to Co-operate <b>Matter 2</b> , Other legal requirements
Day 2 Wednesday 26 September 2018	<b>Matter 3</b> , 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	<b>Matter 4</b> , 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 were due by 31 August 2018, aside from in respect of matter 8 where position statements were due by 5 October in the light of publication of viability evidence NWBC13 and NWBC14)</i>	
Day 4 Tuesday 26 February	Opening remarks <b>AM Matter 5</b> , Employment needs and requirements <u>See agenda INSP14</u> <b>PM Matter 6</b> , Planning and environmental constraints <u>See agenda INSP15</u> (including the Green Belt, Meaningful Gap, heritage, flooding, climate change, and biodiversity)
Day 5 Wednesday 27 February	<b>AM Matter 7</b> , Infrastructure provision <u>See agenda INSP16</u> <b>PM Matter 8</b> , Viability and delivery <u>See agenda INSP17</u>
Day 6 Thursday 28 February	<b>AM, Administrative session</b> Provisional topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. any unfinished business in relation to strategic matters 5 through 8 and recap of any required actions,</li> <li>ii. discussion on any MMs [NWBC20A], particularly those which relate to multiple elements of the plan, or are for consistency with policy or legislative provisions,</li> <li>iii. updated Gypsy and Traveller work [AD40], along with Local Plan</li> </ul>

	<p>policies LP6 and LP10 in that context.</p> <p>iv. housekeeping and future actions/ timings.</p>
<b>PHASE 2, ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES</b>	
<p>Week 3, Matter 9, Allocations and supply of land for development requirements</p> <p><i>(see INSP5A for MIQs, position statements due by 1700 on 8 March 2019)</i></p>	
<p>Day 7</p> <p>Tuesday 2 April</p>	<p><b>AM, Administrative session</b></p> <p>Provisional topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. review of strategic matters 1 to 8, any changed circumstances or additional documentation produced or submitted since the start of the examination.</li> <li>ii. Discussion on MMs to the plan by consequence of (i)</li> <li>iii. Examination timetabling and opportunity for representors to comment on (i) and (ii).</li> </ul> <p><b>PM, Site allocations- overarching issues</b></p>
<p>Day 8</p> <p>Wednesday 3 April</p>	<p><b>AM, 'Category 1' settlement allocations</b></p> <p>With reference to settlements set out in Local Plan policy INSP2, including Coleshill, see MIQs</p> <p><b>PM, 'Category 2' settlement allocations</b></p> <p>With reference to settlements set out in Local Plan policy INSP2, including allocations H19 and H20</p>
<p>Day 9</p> <p>Thursday 4 April</p>	<p><b>AM, 'Category 3 &amp; 4' settlement allocations and policy LP2 in respect of land outside of settlements</b></p> <p>Including reserve sites RH1 and RH2 (noting LP4 and land at Kingsbury in the Green Belt is to be considered under matter 6)</p> <p><b>PM, Administrative session</b></p>
<p>Week 4, Matter 10, Development management policies</p> <p><i>(see INSP5A for MIQs, position statements due by 1700 on 8 March 2019)</i></p>	
<p>Day 10</p> <p>Tuesday 9 April</p>	<p><b>AM, DM policies- overarching issues</b></p> <p>Including policies LP1 and LP2</p> <p><b>PM, policies LP3 to LP10</b></p> <p>Noting overlap of LP3, LP4 and LP6 with matter 6, LP7 and LP9 with matter 3, LP8 with matters 8 and 10, and LP10 with the examination day 6 administrative session</p>
<p>Day 11</p> <p>Wednesday 10 April</p>	<p><b>AM and PM, policies LP11 to LP30</b></p>
<p>Day 12</p> <p>Thursday 11 April</p>	<p><b>AM, policies LP31 to LP38</b></p> <p>Including any additional development management policies advanced during the course of the examination, monitoring arrangements, and annexes to the plan.</p> <p><b>PM, Administrative session</b></p>
<p><i>-the need for further hearing sessions in light of examination proceedings will be kept under review-</i></p>	

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