

Inspector's note to Stevenage Borough Council following the stage 1 hearing sessions

Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2011-2031

I am writing following last week's stage 1 hearing sessions in relation to the examination of the above local plan. On the basis of these hearings I can confirm that I will be proceeding to the stage 2 hearings, which will commence on 21 February 2017. As you will be aware, my matters and questions for the stage 2 hearings have already been issued and the deadline for statements gone. I will issue agendas for each stage 2 session in the week before these hearing sessions. These will be based broadly upon my matters and questions.

Last Thursday's hearing session in relation to strategic transport matters left some unanswered questions, particularly in relation to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which is currently being updated. I will aim to come back to any outstanding strategic transport matters at the stage 3 hearings under matter 20 (highway transport and infrastructure matters). By then I expect the revised IDP to be available. Ideally it should be added to the examination library before then, in order that I and other parties, can read and digest it.

A number of Main Modifications that the Council are promoting were discussed at Thursday's hearing session. Can the Council please provide a list of these. I will then check that they accord with my record of what was discussed. They can then form the start of a list of Main Modifications (in addition to those already provided by the Council in examination document 114) which can be added to as we progress through the various hearing sessions. These will then be reviewed at the final hearing session and need to be advertised (along with those in ED114).

I hope this note clarifies matters, but if you have any queries please contact the programme officer and she or I will try to deal with them.

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