

STEVENAGE LOCAL PLAN STAGE 2 EXAMINATION HEARINGS

AGENDA – DAY 3 (afternoon)

Thursday 23 February 2017 at 2pm

Venue: The Ibis Forum, Danestrete, Stevenage
Hertfordshire, SG1 1EJ

MATTER 12 – Natural and Historic Environment

MATTER 13 – Drainage/waste/flooding and pollution

Please note:

- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements (and any additional evidence) produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the matters addressed at this session. These are available on the examination website.
- Most references to questions refer to those posed by the Inspector in her Schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions (already circulated).
- This session will not consider detailed site-specific representations.
- The hearing will run until 5pm with a mid-afternoon break.

1. Inspector's Opening
2. Questions/procedural or programming matters
3. Council's opening statement

Matter 12 Natural and Historic Environment

4. Has the Plan had regard to heritage assets, including the statutory test set out in S66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990?
5. Are the policies in accordance with the advice in the Framework in relation to historic environment?

6. Should the Areas of Archaeological significance in Policy NH9 include Norton Green?
7. There is a significant amount of local objection to the development of land referred to locally as 'Forster Country'. Has an assessment of the impact of development promoted through the Plan on the landscape character in this part of the Borough been considered? If so what were the findings?
8. Are the policies in the Plan relating to Green Infrastructure justified and effective?

Matter 13 – Drainage/waste/flooding and pollution

9. What are the implications on housing delivery of capacity issues at Rye Mead Sewerage Treatment Works?
10. Is there a long term strategy for dealing with this matter so that it does not stall development?
11. Is there a water supply issue that could restrict the scale of new development in the borough?
12. Should the Plan make reference to the need for developers to contribute towards Water Framework Directive actions on sites adjacent to watercourses and improve the quality of water that enters groundwater aquifers across the borough?
13. What were the key findings of the Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) carried out to inform the Plan?
14. Does the Plan accord with the recommendations in the FRA?
15. Are any of the allocated sites located within flood zones 2 or 3?
16. Is the threshold for providing SUDS set at the correct level?
17. Should policy FP7 include reference to water pollution?
18. Has adequate account been taken of existing and future air quality in preparing the Plan and its policies?
19. Close