

STEVENAGE LOCAL PLAN STAGE 2 EXAMINATION HEARINGS

AGENDA – DAY 4 (morning)

Friday 24 February 2017 at 10.00am

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

MATTER 5 – Green Belt

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 1pm with a mid-morning break.

1. Inspector's Opening
2. Questions/procedural or programming matters
3. Council's opening statement
4. What were the findings of the Green Belt Review carried out to inform this Plan?
5. Have the Council considered all other alternatives to allocating sites in the Green Belt i.e. brownfield and greenfield sites?
6. What would be the consequence of not allocating some or all of the Green Belt sites on meeting OAN for housing and employment land and the Council's 5 year supply of deliverable housing land?
7. If the Council's housing target was the same as the OAN figure, would this negate the need to allocate sites in the Green Belt?

8. Would there be any other consequences of not allocating Green Belt sites?
9. Do the exceptional circumstances, as required by paragraph 83 of the Framework, exist to justify the plan's proposed revision of the boundaries of the Green Belt?
10. Do the exceptional circumstances, as required by the Framework, to justify the plan's proposed revision of the boundaries of the Green Belt (both the removal of land from the Green Belt and inclusion of additional land in the Green Belt)? Are these sites and their boundaries clearly shown on a map?
11. Close