

Kirklees Local Plan Examination

HEARINGS PROGRAMME

July 2017 (v.1)

Please note this is an initial draft timetable and will be subject to change. An updated version will be published in September 2017, along with a list of participants attending the Stages 1-3 hearing sessions. Updated versions will be available to view on the Council's examination webpage at <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/localplan>

Hearing stages

The Local Plan hearings sessions will take place in four stages, as set out below. The initial hearings will deal with legal/procedural and key strategic matters in the Local Plan. If, following the Stage 1 sessions, the Inspector concludes that the Plan is legally compliant and capable of being found sound on these matters, the examination will move on to Stage 2.

Stage 1	Initial hearings on legal and procedural matters and strategic issues	10 – 18 October 2017
Stage 2	Minerals and Waste policies and allocations	14 – 23 November 2017
Stage 3	Other policies in Part 1 of the Plan	5 – 14 December 2017
Stage 4	Other site allocations	TBC 2018

Further details

Draft timetables for Stages 1 to 3 hearing sessions are set out below. The sessions will be held at The Hudawi Centre, Great Northern Street, Huddersfield HD1 6BG. Details regarding the Stage 4 sessions will be published in due course.

The *Examination Guidance Note* contains further detail on the examination process and can be seen on the Council's examination webpage. The website also contains the Examination Library with a range of background and supporting documents to the Draft Local Plan.

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Timetable for Stage 1 Initial Hearings

The Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs) for Stage 1 have been published, and will form the basis for the discussion at the initial hearing sessions.

The deadline for the receipt of hearing statements for the Stage 1 Hearings is **Thursday 7th September 2017 (by 5pm)**. Paper and electronic copies should be sent to the Programme Officer at the above address.

Date	Morning session 10am	Afternoon session 2pm
Day 1 Tues 10 Oct	Inspector's opening remarks Opening from the Council Matter 1 - Legal and procedural matters <i>[Note that Matter 2 may commence in the morning session if Matter 1 has been concluded]</i>	Matter 2 - Spatial development strategy
Day 2 Wed 11 Oct	Matter 3 - Overall housing need	Matter 3 - Overall housing need
Day 3 Thurs 12 Oct	Continuation of Matter 3 if necessary Matter 4 - Housing land supply and delivery	Matter 4 - Housing land supply and delivery
Day 4 Friday 13 Oct	Reserve session: Continuation of Matter 4 if necessary	
Day 5 Mon 16 Oct	Matter 5 - Other housing requirements	Matter 5 - Other housing requirements
Day 6 Tues 17 Oct	Matter 6 - Employment needs and delivery	Matter 6 - Employment needs and delivery Matter 7 - Retail needs and delivery
Day 7 Weds 18 Oct	Continuation of Matter 7 if necessary Matter 8 - Approach to site allocations and Green Belt release	Matter 8 - Approach to site allocations and Green Belt release

Timetable for Stage 2 – Minerals and Waste policies and allocations

The timetable below is provisional only. If the Inspector concludes that further work is necessary to address matters covered in the Stage 1 hearings, the dates and topics below may change.

It is currently intended that the Inspector’s MIQs relating to Stage 2 will be published in September 2017. The deadline for receipt of hearing statements will be confirmed in due course. Further details will be set out in an updated *Hearings Programme* and *Examination Guidance Note*.

Date	Morning session 10am	Afternoon session 2pm
Day 1 Tues 14 Nov	Inspector’s opening remarks Opening from the Council Matter 9 - Minerals – requirements	Matter 10 - Minerals policies
Day 2 Wed 15 Nov	Matter 11 - Minerals sites	Matter 11 - Minerals sites
Day 3 Thurs 16 Nov	Matter 11 - Minerals sites	Site visits
Day 4 Fri 17 Nov	Site visits	
Day 5 Tues 21 Nov	Inspector’s opening remarks Matter 12 - Waste capacity	Matter 13 - Waste policies
Day 6 Weds 22 Nov	Matter 14 - Waste sites	Matter 14 - Waste sites
Day 7 Thurs 23 Nov	Matter 14 - Waste sites	Site visits
Day 8 Fri 24 Nov	Site visits	

Timetable for Stage 3 – Other policies in Part 1 of the Plan

The timetable below is provisional only. If the Inspector concludes that further work is necessary to address matters covered in the Stage 1 hearings, the dates and topics below may change.

It is currently intended that the Inspector’s MIQs relating to Stage 3 will be published at the end of October 2017. The deadline for receipt of hearing statements will be mid-November 2017 (with the specific dates to be confirmed). Further details will be set out in an updated *Hearings Programme* and *Examination Guidance Note*.

Date	Morning session 10am	Afternoon session 2pm
Day 1 Tues 5 Dec	Inspector’s opening remarks Opening from the Council Matter 15 – Infrastructure delivery	Matter 16 – Delivering growth policies Matter 17 – Economy policies
Day 2 Wed 6 Dec	Matter 18 – Retailing and town centre policies	Continuation of Matter 18 if necessary Site visits
Day 3 Thurs 7 Dec	Matter 19 – Transport policies Matter 20 – Design and climate change policies	Site visits
Day 4 Friday 8 Dec	Site visits	
Day 5 Tues 12 Dec	Inspector’s opening remarks Opening from Council (optional) Matter 21 – Natural and historic environment policies	Matter 22 – Health and supporting community policies Matter 23 – Environmental protection policies
Day 6 Weds 13 Dec	Matter 24 – Green Belt and open space policies	Continuation of Matter 24 if necessary Matter 25 – Monitoring
Day 7 Thurs 14 Dec	Site visits	Site visits

Timetable for Stage 4 – Other site allocations

It is currently anticipated that the hearings on other site allocations (in Part 2 of the Plan) will be held in early 2018. The dates and programme for these sessions will be confirmed in due course, following the completion of the Stage 1 initial hearing sessions.

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