

Kirklees Local Plan Examination

Preliminary Note 4 from the Inspector to the Council

15 September 2017

I am in receipt of the submitted hearing statements, and have started to work with the Programme Officer on a revised hearing programme for the Stage 1 hearings. The updated programme will include the names of participants, and may also include some changes to the session order and timings. These changes may be necessary to accommodate the significant number of people who have indicated they wish to be heard at the Stage 1 hearings. I can confirm that the revised hearing programme will be published sometime during the week commencing 25th September 2017, once the Programme Officer has returned from leave. I will endeavour to work with the Programme Officer to ensure that this is available as soon as possible after the 25th.

I aim to publish agendas relating to each day of the Stage 1 hearing sessions, sometime during the week commencing 2nd October.

Thank you for forwarding the Statements of Common Ground relating to the specific sites, and the one produced with Highways England. I also note your position in relation to Historic England and Natural England's representations. The Council officer responses to the representations refer to an emerging Statement of Common Ground with Calderdale Council. If this document has been finalised, please could you forward it to me via the Programme Officer.

In the Council's response to my Preliminary Note 3 you indicate that housing data on completions and outstanding commitments relating to 2016/17 will be published the week commencing 25th September 2017. It will be important to have this information available as soon as possible, in order for other participants to have an opportunity to read and digest the information prior to the hearings commencing. I assume that you also intend to either update the Housing Supply Topic Paper (July 2017) or produce an accompanying note at the same time, in order to clarify the implications of the data for overall housing supply and delivery.

In the meantime, could I request that a short paragraph is placed on the Council's Examination News webpage which alerts people to the forthcoming publication of the updated hearing programme (with list of participants) and the updated housing completions and commitments data during the w/c 25th September 2017.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via the Programme Officer – or the PINS office in her absence.

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