

Reading Local Plan Examination

Hearing Agenda

**Tuesday 25 September 2018**

**10:00**

Inspector's Opening

Council's Opening Remarks

**Issue 1: Have the relevant procedural requirements been met, including the duty to co-operate?**

1. Duty to Co-operate and definition of Housing Market Areas (HMA) (Q1 and Q1b from Matters and Issues)
  - General principles
  - Housing Market Areas
    - Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire
    - South Oxfordshire
    - Wokingham (student accommodation)
2. Outcomes from co-operation with neighboring authorities (Q1a from Matters and Issues)
  - Shortfalls in Reading (dwellings and Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople) – approach to provision within the Housing Market Area including Memorandum of Understanding with West Berkshire Authorities
  - Education and transport  
*(H1 wording covered under Issue 2 item 4 of the agenda).*
3. Sustainability Appraisal (LP005) (Q3 from Matters and Issues)
  - Sustainability framework – objectives, relevant documents, risk/impacts
  - Reasonable alternatives - housing needs
  - Student accommodation - assessment of alternatives, options and scoring
  - Scoring in relation to sites and strategic development options
  - Assessment of options for employment provision
4. Any other matters

**Approx 13:30**

**Issue 2: Is the housing requirement justified and deliverable and has it been calculated in accordance with national policy and guidance?**

1. Objectively Assessed Needs (OAN) starting point and economic growth (Q1 from Matters and Issues)

- Population projections
  - Economic Growth
2. Affordable housing (Q2 from Matters and Issues)
    - Overall approach to affordable housing
    - Market signals and affordability uplift
  3. Housing requirement (Q4 from Matters and Issues )
    - Housing requirement – justification of requirement in the Plan
    - Flexibility of approach
    - Student population and accommodation (also covered under Issue 7 – agenda item 7)
    - Capacity of sites – general principles
  4. The requirements of Policy H1 (Q4a from Matters and Issues )
    - Robustness of Policy H1 in respect of the HMA
    - Suggested amendments to policy wording in representations
  5. Any other matters