

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET - CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

AGENDA – OPENING SESSION 10.00 17 JANUARY 2012

1. Introduction by Inspector and brief review of procedural matters.
2. Introduction of Council and other participants.

3. Compliance with Statutory and Regulatory matters

(The following letter references are taken from my main questions, ID/7)

I do not anticipate further questions on the following: A) Local Development Scheme, B) Statement of Community Involvement, C) Compliance with Regulations, D) Sustainable Community Strategy, or G) Habitat Regulations.

E) Sustainability appraisal

E1. A legal submission was made on behalf of Robert Hitchens Ltd. A response has now been made by the Council. Any final comments?

F) General conformity with the Regional Strategy (RPG10)?

F1. Pegasus (on behalf of Robert Hitchens Ltd and J S Bloor Ltd) indicate that the Core Strategy would create a shortfall of 7% against the housing requirements of RPG10 to 2016 (mainly because of under delivery to date). Would such a shortfall amount to the plan not being in general conformity?

H) Duty to co-operate (section 110 of the Localism Act 2011)

H1. Subsequent to the Pre Hearing Meeting, I indicated in ID/8 that new section 20(5)c of the 2004 Act did not apply to this Examination. This view has been challenged in a legal submission made on behalf of Robert Hitchens Ltd. A response has now been made by the Council. Any final comments on whether section 20(5)c applies?

Further procedural matter

S112 of the Localism Act 2011 - main modifications

Brief review of implications: Inspector/Council.

(The hearing on Issue 1 will follow-on after a short adjournment.)

Simon Emerson
Inspector
13 January 2012