

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET - CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

INSPECTOR'S PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR LATER HEARINGS – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013 AND JANUARY 2014

Whether or not these hearings take place will be confirmed after the hearing on 17th September when a decision has been made as to whether the Examination should continue. The hearings are grouped into 3 distinct batches. Please note that the first week of hearings has been moved to the following week to that suggested in ID37. The gaps between the weeks of hearings is to accommodate other work commitments and to give me a little time for reflection on the issues discussed before moving on to other issues in subsequent hearings. A detailed programme of particular topics on specific days and relevant participants would be issued in due course. Questions for pre-hearing statements would be published for the first 2 groups of hearings by the middle of October.

1st group: Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th (AM only) November

Assessment of the housing requirement (including overall affordable housing assessment). All matters concerning the SHMA (and updates) and calculation of the housing requirement in Annex 1 of the report to Council 4 March 2013.

Housing delivery and rolling 5 year supply (plus 20%). All representations related to the SHLAA (other than the merits of the proposed Green Belt/greenfield sites) including delivery of urban sites in Bath.

Flexibility and Review.

Sequential test generally and flood mitigation for Bath Riverside.

2nd group: Tuesday 10th - Friday 13th (AM only) December

This week would focus on the 5 strategic releases from the Green Belt in the following order:

10th Overview of approach to the GB. Weston, Bath

11th Odd Down, Bath

12th All Keynsham

13th (AM) Whitchurch

3rd group: Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th January 2014

I have not yet decided on the need for hearings on other matters but they may include the following (not necessarily in this order).

Any remaining Green Belt matters.

Extension to MOD Enleigh (if needed).

Rural Areas /Somer Valley

Affordable housing viability

Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

Recreation Ground

I would not re-open hearings on matters on which I was satisfied following the hearings in 2012 and where there is no significant proposed change or relevant substantial new evidence relied on by the Council to support the plan.

Simon Emerson

Inspector 5 September 2013