

# **Bath and North East Somerset Placemaking Plan**

## **Bath – Part 2**

### **Agenda**

**Wednesday 21 September 2016 (Week 2/ Day 2)**

**10:00**

#### **Inspector's Introduction**

**Council's Opening Statement** (if required)

#### **Matter 13 – Bath's Universities**

Issue – whether the approach to Bath's Universities is sound

Q1. The Strategic Housing Market Assessment upon which the CS is based assumes that the expected modest growth in the student population will be accommodated through on-campus provision (CS Policy B5). With this in mind, is it appropriate to review Section 2F of the adopted CS in isolation to general housing policies and the overall strategy for Bath?

Q2. Is the proposed strategy justified and supported by evidence?

Q3. In the absence of off-campus provision for student accommodation, what impact are the recently revised growth aspirations of both the University of Bath and Bath Spa University likely to have on the objectively assessed needs for housing in Bath?

Q4. Will policies within the Placemaking Plan be effective in ensuring that any additional increase in need for student accommodation will not reduce the supply of general housing?

Q5. Paragraph 17 of the CS confirms that the development of the University of Bath and Bath Spa University requires strategic policy direction in order to secure the future of each institution. Is the strategy contained in the Placemaking Plan in relation to student accommodation the most appropriate when considered against any reasonable alternatives? What alternative options have been considered to meet the more recent indications / aspirations of the universities?

Q6. Are relevant policies positively prepared, effective and consistent with national policy?

Q7. Is there tension between Policy SB.19 and LCR5 in relation to the safeguarding of playing fields and recreational space?

Q8. Is the strategy sustainable over the plan period?

**(Lunch will be taken at approximately 13:00 hrs)**