

## **Rugby Borough Local Plan Examination**

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### **By email via the Programme Officer**

Dear Ms Chapman,

#### **Examination of Rugby Borough Local Plan – Stage 2 Hearings**

I would like to thank the Council and all who took part in the Stage 1 hearings for their constructive contributions to the debates.

I am also grateful that most of the documents which I agreed to accept during and immediately following the Stage 1 hearings have now been submitted and added to the examination website. There are three documents outstanding:

1. The updated financial appraisal for Coton Park East, which should be added as soon as possible;
2. The Council's rebuttal of Mr. Barfield's comments on the updated Lodge Farm financial appraisal, which should be submitted by Friday 23 February 2018;
3. The statement on secondary education needs. I have attached a brief setting out the agreed terms of reference for this statement and the timescale for submission and comments from interested parties. The issue of secondary education infrastructure needs will also be discussed at the Stage 2 hearings.

Notwithstanding these remaining documents from Stage 1, in the light of all that I have read, heard and seen to date, and bearing in mind the potential for me to recommend main modifications to the Plan (including in connection with the issues discussed at the Stage 1 hearings), I am satisfied that the examination should move to Stage 2 of the hearings.

I should make clear that this is not to be taken as an indication that the Plan as a whole, or any particular part of it, will be found sound. Indeed, I have yet to reach final conclusions on the issues that were discussed at Stage 1. In part this is because a number of the issues discussed at Stage 1 are linked with those which will be considered as part of the Stage 2 hearings. For these reasons, it is not appropriate for me to set out any details of my initial views at this stage.

The Stage 2 hearings had been provisionally arranged for 17-26 April 2018 and I am satisfied they can proceed on those dates. Please find attached a draft programme for the Stage 2 hearings on this basis, together with the Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs) to be discussed and an updated examination guidance note.

I would be grateful if the Council would proceed with notification of the Stage 2 hearings and issuing the programme, MIQs and guidance note to all interested parties. I would also be grateful if this letter and the attached brief for the statement on secondary education needs could be added to the examination website as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

*Mike Hayden*

INSPECTOR

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### **Brief for Statement on Secondary Education Needs and Infrastructure**

The statement, to be prepared and submitted by Rugby Borough Council with assistance from Warwickshire county Council, should include the following:

- an assessment of existing and forecast secondary school capacity in Rugby borough in the Plan period up to 2031, including proposed new school provision as part of planned developments e.g. South West Rugby (mapped and tabulated);
- annual and cumulative need for secondary school places to 2031 (tabulated);
- the net requirement for additional secondary school places to 2031;
- locations/existing schools where that net requirement could be delivered in terms of forms of entry (mapped)
- conclusions on the net requirement for additional secondary school facilities up to 2031 (measured in forms of entry and ha of land);
- a recommended strategy for the provision of those facilities.

To be submitted by 28 February 2018, allowing two weeks for interested parties to respond by 16 March.

This issue will also be discussed further at the Stage 2 hearings as part of Matter 13, currently programmed to be heard on 26 April 2018.