

NOTE FROM THE INSPECTORS

GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN

Following the end of the first two weeks of the hearing sessions, there is further information which either we have requested or which the Partnership want to submit to us. Some of this information is relatively straightforward and will be helpful to us in determining what modifications need to be made to make the plan sound and legally compliant.

However, there are two pieces of work which are significant, and which will need to be the subject of further hearing sessions.

In relation to Matter 8, Strategic Growth Areas, the Partnership has agreed to provide additional information and evidence in relation to the expected delivery and viability assumptions on the East Norwich Strategic Regeneration Area (ENSRA). It is our understanding that this work is currently being undertaken as part of the preparation of the Stage 2 Masterplan. The Partnership will provide this information to the Examination when it is complete and can be released. We will need to hold a further hearing session under Matter 8 to consider this information.

As a result of the above, we will also need to hold an additional hearing session on Matter 15, Housing Provision. This is because the delivery and viability assumptions on the ENSRA have an impact on the overall land supply position for the Plan. Consequently, the Matter 15 Housing Provision hearing session on Wednesday 9 March will be programmed for only half a day as some elements will be deferred to a later session once the ENSRA information has been submitted.

In addition, in relation to Matter 6 Issue 3, the Partnership is to submit an updated Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment which will form part of the evidence base of the Plan. The Partnership will also be carrying out consultation on potential new sites and submitting the proposals to us in due course.

The Partnership is currently unable to provide us with a date when the additional information on both Matter 8 and Matter 6 Issue 3 will be submitted to us. Once this is known, the Programme Officer will arrange further hearing sessions for Matter 8, Matter 6 Issue 3 and Matter 15. These sessions will be focussed on the new information and we will not hear evidence which we have already heard.

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