

NOTE FROM THE INSPECTORS

The Inspectors are aware that the Programme Officer has received procedural queries from parties to the Examination, and they wish to issue the following note.

We can confirm that there have been two administration sessions with the Partnership. The first one took place on 17 February following the first set of hearing sessions and the second on 18 March following the second set. Both sessions were recorded and are available to view on the Examination website. We have not asked for any information outside of what we asked for during the hearing sessions.

We have been liaising with the Partnership through the programme officer. This has included us providing clarification on the wording of some of the potential main modifications which were discussed at the hearing sessions. The proposed main modifications will be subject to public consultation in due course. Also subject to consultation will be the Sustainability Appraisal update which we asked the councils to prepare at the relevant hearing session.

We are awaiting the submission of additional information by the Partnership relating to the East Norwich Strategic Regeneration Area (ENSRA). This is information concerning viability and deliverability that we asked for at the hearing session in the ENSRA in February. The Partnership have told us that it will be submitted by 31 May. We expect that information to be then placed on the Examination website and that it will inform the reconvened hearing session on the ENSRA. We anticipate that this will take place in the week commencing 4 July. Once this information is published we will probably set out some additional questions related to the ENSRA and invite representators to make additional statements if they wish. A revised trajectory, bringing the housing completion and permission data up to 1 April 2022, is also expected.

The partnership is also likely to submit additional evidence and proposals relating to Gypsy and Traveller sites in due course following consultation. This was discussed in the hearing sessions.

The impact on the plan of the nutrient neutrality requirements was discussed briefly at the administration session in March. Consultants have been appointed to assess the implications of the nutrient neutrality issue and the Partnership will in due course set out if and what modifications need to be made to Plan as a result. It is our expectation that hearing sessions relating to these two matters will be held in the Autumn.

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