

Greater Norwich Local Plan Examination

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Dear Mr Burrell

1. Thank you for your letter of 17 October 2022
2. Having regard to the contents of the letter, we consider that the hearing sessions on the housing trajectory and nutrient neutrality issues can be held in Spring 2023, following the completion of the focussed consultation exercise on the Gypsy and Traveller sites and associated evidence. This enables that part of the examination to take place in the knowledge of which sites are being put forward as candidate Gypsy and Traveller sites. For example we will then know if any proposed housing allocations are also being considered as Gypsy and Traveller sites in part or whole.
3. The hearing sessions on the Gypsy and Traveller sites and associated evidence will be held in July 2023 following agreement by the individual partnership councils in May/June.
4. We expect your timetable for both the consultation exercise and the approval by the individual local authorities to be strictly adhered to. This is critical to the timing of the modification stage and the adoption date of the Plan.
5. We will issue MIQs for the first set of hearing sessions in January and for the second set in June.
6. We would expect main modifications to be then published for consultation in early Autumn 2023. Main modifications will be those necessary to make the whole Plan sound including any main modifications relating to Gypsy and Traveller site allocations and policies.

7. The Programme Officer will liaise with you to confirm dates and format for the first set of sessions which we expect to be at the end of March.
8. Finally we wish to bring your attention to the Lisa Smith v SSLUHC [2022} EWHC judgement of 31 October 2022 regarding the interpretation of the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) and the application of that policy to gypsies and travellers who have ceased to pursue nomadic lifestyles. We would like to know whether, in the light of this judgement, the Partnership wishes to review its assessment of Traveller site needs?
9. We would be grateful for a response on the final matter in writing within 7 days of this letter.

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INSPECTORS

11 November 2022