

Three Rivers District Council

Examination of Site Allocations Local Development Document

Supplementary Hearing Session: Wednesday 16th July 2014

Purpose and Scope of Supplementary Hearing Session

Additional or enlarged allocations and associated revisions to the Green Belt boundary have been put forward by the Council as 'Main Modifications' in response to specific concerns raised by the Inspector, following the comprehensive hearing sessions in October 2013.

The purpose of the supplementary session, which has been requested by the Inspector in exercise of his discretion to do so, is to give voice to those who have expressed opposition to those particular changes, i.e. an opportunity to supplement and present in person the substance of their arguments concerning the specific merits of the relevant proposed main modifications in respect of the sites in question, in the context of local and national policy, for his consideration, before he finalises his recommendations to the Council. The session is necessarily selective. It is not an opportunity to reconsider the merits of sites originally put forward by the Council but no longer proposed for development, or to reopen the debate concerning the full range of topics already heard at the October sessions. Rather it is to be focussed upon the merits of the consequential changes insofar as these introduce a limited number of additional or enlarged allocations (and associated changes to the Green Belt) not previously proposed by the Council in the submitted plan document. Only those seeking changes to those additional or enlarged allocations and who have submitted duly made representations in respect of the relevant proposed main modifications will be invited to be heard at this stage, or to submit statements expanding upon their duly made representations.

For the avoidance of doubt the relevant proposed main modifications (MM) are as follows:

MM54 Killingdown Farm – enlarged housing site H(13)

MM55 Woodside Road – additional housing site H(39)

MM56 Fairways Farm – additional housing site H(40)

MM57 Woodside Road – additional school site S(c)

MM44 Changes to Green Belt boundary - to facilitate the above allocations (and also the effective allocation of the Leavesden Studios site under SA8/GB2.)

For context, and instructions regarding the format of statements, intending participants are referred to the material on the Council's examination website which informed the conduct of the Hearing Sessions last October, in particular the appendices listed on the next page which are marked with an asterisk.

<http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/GetResource.aspx?file=Guidance%20Notes%20Matters%20And%20Programme%20v3.pdf>

Inspectors Guidance Notes: Procedure and Practicalities*

Appendix A: Relevant legislation and guidance*

Appendix B: Schedule of Matters and Issues for the Examination Hearing Sessions

Appendix C: Draft Programme

Appendix D: Format for statements*

The Programme and Issues for the Supplementary Session are as follows:

Supplementary Day 1 Wednesday 16 July	a.m.	MM54 Killingdown Farm H(13)	Appropriateness and efficacy of housing allocation and Green Belt boundary and potential effect on conservation area
		MM55/MM57 Woodside Road H(39)	Appropriateness and efficacy of housing and school allocations and Green Belt boundary
		MM56 Fairways Farm H(40)	Appropriateness and efficacy of housing allocation and Green Belt boundary
		MM44 Consequential changes to Green Belt regarding the above	Common to all above
	p.m.	MM44/SA8/GB2 Leavesden Studios allocation and Green Belt changes	Appropriateness and efficacy of approach
		Other matters and next steps	Various as required
Supplementary Day 2 Thursday 17 July	a.m.	Contingency to deal with outstanding matters	

The Supplementary Hearing Session is part of the overall Examination of the Three Rivers Site Allocations Local Development Document (SALDD). **It will open in the Colne Room of the Watersmeet Theatre, High Street, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire WD3 1EH on Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 10.00am.** The Matters and Issues that the Inspector wishes to discuss, together with a Programme are defined above.

The Inspector, **Keith Manning BSc (Hons) BTP MRTPI**, has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to examine the soundness of the SALDD prepared by Three Rivers District Council.

The **Programme Officer** (PO) for the Examination is **Ian Kemp**. He is entirely independent of the Council and works to the direction of the Inspector. Mr Kemp can be contacted by telephone, by email or by post. His contact details are set out below.

The main tasks of the Programme Officer are to act as a channel of communication between the Inspector and all parties; to liaise with all parties to ensure the smooth running of the Examination; to ensure that all documents received are recorded and distributed; and to keep the Examination Library. Copies of the Examination documents are mainly on the Council's web site:

<http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/Default.aspx/Web/SiteAllocationsExaminationPage>

Anyone interested in viewing any of the documents in person at the District Council Offices should contact Mr Kemp beforehand in order to ensure availability.

Mr Kemp will be able to advise those upon any administrative or procedural matters.

Representors should let the Programme Officer know by Tuesday 1st July 2014 whether or not they wish to be heard at the Supplementary Hearing Session. The session will be open to the public to attend and observe but only representors who have submitted comments on the relevant main modifications and advise of their intention to speak by the 1st July 2014 will be permitted to contribute to the discussions on the day.

Should you wish to supply an additional statement addressing the Inspector's agenda items as contained in column three of the above Programme these should also be submitted to the Programme Officer by 1st July 2014.

Those who wish to rely on their written representations already submitted should be aware that these carry the same weight.

If you have any further questions please contact the Programme Officer:

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