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EXAMINATION INTO THE SOUNDNESS AND LEGAL COMPLIANCE OF THE CHESHIRE EAST SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES DOCUMENT

Inspector: Mike Hayden BSc DipTP MRTPI

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On 29 April 2021, the Cheshire East Council formally submitted the Cheshire East Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD) to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for examination.

The Secretary of State has appointed Inspector Mike Hayden BSc DipTP MRTPI of the Planning Inspectorate to conduct the Examination to determine whether the SADPD is sound and legally compliant.

I have been appointed as the Programme Officer for the Examination to assist the Inspector with all aspects of the examination administration. I am independent of the Council during this process.

It is currently anticipated that the Hearing will be held in late September/October 2021. However, I must stress that this is merely anticipated and not fixed as yet. When the dates have been finalised, I will write to you again with the details.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it is anticipated that the Hearing will be a mix of physical and virtual hearing sessions. However, this may be subject to change, in line with Government guidance.

Although dates have not yet been formalised an important element in the organisation of the Hearing is identifying representors who wish to appear and present their representation orally (either physically or virtually). Please note that written representations made in response to consultations on the Initial and Revised Publication Draft versions of the SADPD will carry the same weight as representations that are made in person during the hearing sessions. The Inspector wishes to stress that the right to appear and be heard is limited to those persons defined in section 20 (6) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)

(England) Regulations 2012 (i.e. any person(s) who have made representations seeking a change to the Publication Draft versions of the SAPDP). Consequently, supporters of policies or allocations do not have a right to appear as it is for the Council to justify the contents of its Plan.

In order to assist in drawing up the draft Hearing programme I would be grateful if you would confirm whether or not you wish to take part in the Hearing and present your representation orally. **Please respond to me no later than Friday 9 July 2021 if your intention is to participate in the examination Hearing.** If I do not hear from you by that date, I will presume that you do NOT wish to be invited to participate at the Hearing.

If you wish to keep up-to-date with what is happening, please go to the [Site Allocations and Development Policies Document examination \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk). Copies of all submission documents, evidence base and other background documents are listed within the Examination Library on the website and available to download via the links provided.

I will be in contact again when I have further information about the Examination. If you have any further questions about the Examination, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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