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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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Dear Sir/Madam

CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN - SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES DOCUMENT NOTIFICATION OF EXAMINATION HEARING SESSIONS

Please find attached the **Notice of Commencement of Examination Hearing** for the Cheshire East Local Plan Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD) formally notifying you that the Hearing will **commence at 10.00 am on Tuesday 12th October 2021**. The hearing sessions will be held virtually using *Microsoft Teams*, to overcome restrictions on venue capacity due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The attached Inspector's guidance note (INS/06) includes the details for participation in the virtual Hearing sessions and how interested parties can view the proceedings.

The Inspector's documents attached to this letter are:

- INS/5 – Notice of Commencement of Examination Hearing
- INS/6 – Examination Guidance Note
- INS/7 - Draft Hearing Programme
- INS/8a - Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs) Part 1 for Matters 1-7 which will be heard in weeks 1 and 2. (The MIQs for Matters 8-12, to be heard in week 3, will follow shortly.)

The Draft Hearing Programme (INS/7) sets out which Matters will be discussed on each day.

The ***Matters, Issues and Questions for the Examination (MIQs)*** will form the basis for the discussion at the Hearing sessions. The ***Draft Hearing Programme*** includes a draft list of issues for discussion at each Hearing session. Representors should study both of these documents before deciding whether they wish to participate. In order that the timetable can be finalised, those Representors wishing to take part in the Hearing should contact the PO by **1200hrs on Friday 17th September 2021** stating your intention to appear and on which Matter(s) and Issue(s) you wish to speak, including, if possible, which question(s).

Whilst it is not a requirement, ***Representors*** scheduled to appear may also submit ***Hearing Position Statements***, but only on the questions in the MIQs relevant to their original representations. Alternatively, Representors can choose to rely entirely upon their original representations.

The submission of a Hearing Position Statement ***must not be taken as an opportunity to submit new***

responses or fresh evidence and it must not be accompanied by any appendices. For Representors, statements must rely essentially on your original response to the Publication Draft of the Plan, which is taken as your complete case.

The deadline for receipt of hearing statements for Matters 1-7 is 12.00 midday Friday 24th September 2021. The deadline for the hearing statements relating to Matters 8-12 is 12.00 midday Friday 1st October 2021.

Any statements on the MIQs, must be prepared in accordance with the Guidance Note (INS/6) and should:

- be as succinct as possible, but limited to a strict **maximum of 3,000 words per Matter.**
- clearly identify the number(s) of the question(s) being answered;
- cross reference the original representation, using the Representation number within the Representations database held on the Examination website;
- have regard to the evidence submitted by the Council on the Examination website, including the Council's response to the Inspector's Initial Questions, and when referring to them, cross reference the document reference, paragraph and page numbers rather than including extracts;
- indicate whether any changes are needed to make the Plan sound or legally compliant.
- bear the name of the Representor and the Hearing session to which they relate;
- be **printable on A4 paper**, with no diagrams or tables which need to be printed at a larger scale.

For information, please note the following key dates:

- **Friday 17th September, 12.00 midday:** Deadline to confirm with the Programme Officer whether you wish to exercise the right to be heard.
- **Friday 24th September, 12.00 midday:** Deadline for submission of statements for Matters 1-7.
- **Friday 1st October, 12.00 midday:** Deadline for submission for statements for Matters 8-12.
- **Tuesday 12th October, 10.00am:** Hearing sessions open.

Updates and all documents relating to the preparation of the Plan and examination are available to download or view online at: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/sadpdxamination

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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