

Chichester Local Plan Examination Update

During the examination hearing on 8th October the Inspector indicated that she had not seen up to date evidence to justify the District Council's proposed housing figure of 410 homes per annum over the 15 year plan period. The Inspector asked whether the Council wished to initiate an audit of the evidence to demonstrate how constraints had led it to arrive at the 410 figure.

The Inspector clarified that the review of the evidence should consider all potential sites and all potential ways to deliver housing within the plan area and may involve updating or augmenting the evidence base, rather than just an audit. In particular the Inspector asked the Council to ensure that the link between the information in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the Settlement Capacity Profiles is clear and to refresh the Settlement Capacity Profiles if necessary.

After due consideration the Council agreed that it would initiate an audit and review of the evidence and would attempt to carry this out as quickly as possible.

The programme for the hearings has been amended to take account of the additional work the Council is undertaking. The programme for the rest of the examination hearings is as follows:

- 5th November – Matter 7: Strategic Development Locations – Policies 7/15/16/17/18
- 6th November – Matter 8: Other area specific policies/strategies – Policies 10/14/20 & Matter 9: The Environment – Policies 40/42/43/45/46/47/48/49/52
- 7th November – Matter 10: Infrastructure – Policies 8/9/12/Map 12.3/IDP
- 2nd December – Matter 5: Housing Supply – Policy 4
- 3rd December – Matter 7A: Parish Housing Sites – Policies 5/6

The Programme Officer will issue a revised list of the Inspector's Matters & Issues & Attendees in due course.

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