

Hartlepool Local Plan

Examination Hearings

Matter 1: Legal & Procedural Matters

Tuesday 26 September 2017 – 10am

Participants:

Hartlepool Borough Council
Durham Bird Club
Stockton Borough Council
Natural England

Key documents/references:

HLP01/2 submitted Policies Map
HLP01/4 - Consultation Statement (publication)
HLP01/8 & EX/HBC/25 – Sustainability Appraisal (publication and addendum)
HLP01/9 Habitats Regulation Assessment & additional documents EX/HBC/59 (Version 3) & EX/HBC/60 (Mitigation Strategy)
HLP02/1 & EX/HBC/11 – Duty to Cooperate Statements
HLP02/5 Local Development Scheme 2016
EX/HBC/21 – Equality Impact Assessment 2017

Agenda

1. Inspector's Opening Remarks
2. Opening Statement from Hartlepool Borough Council
3. Matter 1 – Legal & Procedural Matters

(a) Duty to Cooperate & Strategic Cross Boundary Issues

See Inspector's Matter 1 questions 2-4. Additionally the Inspector wishes to discuss:

- (i) Update on highway modelling at Wynyard. Has this been delivered collaboratively? Is there now a Statement of Common Ground?
- (ii) Role and remit of the Wynyard Park Masterplan and Highways Steering Group
- (iii) Progress and outcomes on cross-boundary matters for Internationally protected sites for biodiversity

[Please note that issues of migration and scenarios to support future jobs growth will be discussed under Matter 3 – Wednesday 27 September 2017]

(b) Sustainability Appraisal

See Inspector's Matter 1 Question 5

(c) Habitat Regulations

See Inspector's Matter 1 Questions 6-11 and recent documentation including updated HRA (EX/HBC/59), Mitigation Strategy and Delivery Plan (EX/HBC/60) and Natural England correspondence (EX/HBC/63). Additionally the Inspector wishes to discuss:

- (i) Latest position on SPA/SAC sites including any programme for their review (including any potential boundary changes).
- (ii) Outcomes of dialogue with Natural England since plan submission.
- (iii) RSPB feedback to the Council on the updated HRA and mitigation strategy and the Council's response to the RSPBs key points of concern (pages 7-8 of RSPBs Matter 1 Statement).

[please note that Internationally designated sites will also be discussed under Matter 13, Issue 2 on Wednesday 11 October AM. The Inspector will also explore HRA issues of employment sites including Phillips Tank Farm and Greenabella Marsh under Matter 4 hearing on Tuesday 3rd October AM]

(d) Other Matters

- (i) Compliance with Local Development Scheme
- (ii) Consultation
- (iii) Equalities Impact Assessment
- (iv) Process for Main and Additional Modifications and changes to the Policies Map.

Session end.