NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN (PART 2) EXAMINATION

Inspector’s Main Issues

It is important to note that the draft programme for the hearings does not follow the order in which the Issues are listed below, although Issue 1 will be considered at the beginning and Issue 7 will be considered at the end.

1. Procedural and Regulatory Matters

1.1 Has the Local Plan (Part 2) been prepared in accordance with the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and have the relevant details in the LDS been met in respect of the role, rationale and scope of the plan?

1.2 Has the Local Plan (Part 2) been prepared in compliance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)?

1.3 Did preparation of the Local Plan (Part 2) comply with the relevant Regulations in relation to the publication of documents, advertising and notification?

1.4 Has there been sufficient regard given to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)?

1.5 Has the Local Plan (Part 2) been subject to sustainability appraisal (SA)? Does the SA show how different options perform and is it clear that sustainability considerations informed the content of the Local Plan?

1.6 Have the requirements of the Habitat Regulations been satisfied?

1.7 Is the Local Plan (Part 2) in general conformity with the Regional Strategy?

1.8 Has section 110 (duty to co-operate) of the Localism Act 2011 been met?

1.9 Is the Local Plan (Part 2) consistent with, and not in conflict with, the adopted development plan (explored further in the issues below) and where it is intended to supersede policies in the adopted development plan does it correctly identify the policies to be superseded?

2. Green Belt

Are the proposed changes to the Green Belt boundary justified and consistent with the Core Strategy, particularly policies CS10 and CS12 and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)?

3. Housing

Are the allocated housing sites consistent with the Core Strategy, particularly policies CS11 and CS12 and the NPPF; will they ensure delivery of the required scale of housing in appropriate locations and are the requirements of each policy justified and effective?

3.1 Sub Issue

Does the plan make adequate provision for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople?
4. Employment/Economy

Are the allocated employment sites and the policies for employment/economic development consistent with the Core Strategy, particularly policies CS17 and CS18, and the NPPF; will they ensure delivery of the required scale of employment in appropriate locations and are the requirements of each policy and allocation justified and effective?

4.1 Sub issue
Has the plan taken appropriate account of the needs of marine industries? (Includes DM12)

4.2 Sub Issue
Is the plan sound (and regulatory compliant) in the absence of any explicit consideration of whether land at Dibden Bay might have a role in meeting the future needs of the Port of Southampton?

4.3 Sub Issue
Does the plan make appropriate provision for retail and town centre development?

5. Open space and green infrastructure

Are the policies and proposed designations and allocations justified and consistent with the Core Strategy, particularly policy CS7, and the NPPF; and are there reasonable prospects for delivery?

5.1 Sub Issue concerning policies for the protection of open space, landscape features and Green Infrastructure (policies DM7, DM8, DM9).

5.2 Sub Issue concerning the site allocations of new land for public open space and allotments (unrelated to any residential allocation).

6. Transport

Are the transport proposals/allocations consistent with the Core Strategy, particularly policy CS23 and the NPPF; will they assist delivery of the Hampshire Local Transport Plan and are the details of proposals justified and effective?

6.1 Sub Issue concerning the Waterside railway and proposed stations (includes TOT22.3, MAR8.2, HYD8.1)?

7. Other Matters

Are the other Development Management Policies justified, are they consistent with the Core Strategy and NPPF and would they be effective in achieving their aims? (To cover DM policies not included directly in the above issues).

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