New Forest District (outside the National Park) Local Plan-Part 1: Planning Strategy

Examination Hearings

Matter 1 – Procedural/legal requirements

Monday 3 June 2019 9.30am

AGENDA

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1. Overview of plan preparation stages
   - Stages/key dates
   - Compliance with requirements in terms of notifications, publication and availability of documents and consultation

2. Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
   - Stages of SA and how they have informed the plan preparation process and been reported
   - Options considered
     - What options were considered and when? How were they assessed and what was the outcome? Why were alternatives not pursued?
       a) Overall scale of growth
       b) Approach to Green Belt release
       c) Spatial strategy/distribution of growth
       d) Strategic Policies
       e) Site allocations
   - Comments/representations and how taken into account

3. Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)
   - Overview of methodology and stages of HRA
   - Relevant European sites and potential impacts considered
   - Approach to screening out of potential impacts and issue of mitigation (compliance with European Court of Justice judgement)
   - Conclusions of HRA and how Local Plan has been amended during preparation to take it into account
   - What mitigation is required? What is included in this Local Plan and other parts of the Development Plan? Are the conclusions of the HRA on the effectiveness of mitigation justified?
   - Comments/representations and how taken into account

4. Other matters
   - Mitigation and adaptation to climate change
   - Specific matters in S19 of Act and Regulation 10
   - Issues of equality