

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

Inspectors – Caroline Mulloy and Kevin Ward

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