

Examination of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Plan

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Note Requested by the Inspector

**Local Plan Examination Note for
Inspector in response to Action Point 24
regarding landownership information
relating to Colebrook House**

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 During the Hearing Sessions on the Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Plan, the Inspector asked the Council to prepare a number of Notes on “Action Points”, essentially to clarify its position on certain matters that were discussed.
- 1.2 This Note relates to Action Point 24 relating to Land at Colebrook House, Royal Tunbridge Wells. It follows the Inspector’s site visits, held after the closure of the Examination in Public hearing sessions, that a map detailing the land ownership of the site would be useful for a better understanding of the site.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Land at Colebrook House is referred to in the Royal Tunbridge Wells part of the Submission Local Plan (SLP). Whilst the site is not specifically proposed to be designated within the Local Plan as an allocation, it is referred to in paragraphs 5.16-5.17 of the Plan as ...”*a sustainable location next to a Key Employment Area, to contribute to continuing economic growth in the longer term beyond the plan period should this be required*”. The SLP is clear that, as it is already seeking to plan positively in employment land terms by providing over the minimum requirement, ‘Land at Colebrook House’ does not warrant an allocation at this time.
- 2.2 However, whilst the evidence that underpins the SLP indicates that it is not warranted to allocate this site in this Local Plan, it does seek to remove this site from the Green Belt. This position has been put forward to ensure the long-term permanence of the new Green Belt boundary.
- 2.3 The Council has previously stated that it is keen that this area continues to provide a location for a mix of employment uses, possibly including leisure uses, in a campus setting.
- 2.4 Notwithstanding the above, the Inspector has raised concerns about this approach and the Council awaits his consideration of the proposals within the Plan in this regard.

3.0 Land ownership information

- 3.1 In order to assist the Inspector, the map at **Appendix 1** has been prepared to provide clarity as to the landownership of 'Land at Colebrook House'.

4.0 Summary

- 4.1 Following the Inspector's site visits, held after the closure of the Examination in Public hearing sessions, it was requested that that a map detailing the land ownership of 'Land at Colebrook House' be produced to provide clarity. The map at **Appendix 1** seeks to provide that clarity.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Landownership map of 'Land at Colebrook House.

