

AGENDA

Tunbridge Wells Local Plan Examination Tuesday 29 March 2022 – 10.00

Matter 1 Issue 1 continued - Duty to Cooperate

1) Inspector's Introduction and Procedural Matters

2) Issue 1 – Duty to Cooperate continued

Engagement with Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

• Examination Document TWLP-008 provides additional information on the Strategic Sites Working Group ('SSWG'), including minutes of the meetings held between July 2019 and November 2021.

Insofar as the strategic sites are concerned, how and where does the additional information show evidence of constructive, active and ongoing engagement on cross-boundary highways matters, having particular regard to the concerns raised by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council at Regulation 18 and Regulation 19 stages, and, consultation responses from Kent County Council?

- The additional information in Examination Document TWLP-008 suggests that a meeting was scheduled on 10 December 2019 with Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council and Kent County Council. This was "...to discuss highway and transport infrastructure impact and provision...". What were the outcomes from this dialogue and where is the information set out?
- In July 2020, the additional information suggests that "...technical subgroups are set up, out of the SSWG, to bring together key stakeholders working on closely related matters. These include matters on transport and highways...". What were the outcomes from these technical sub-groups, how did they inform the Local Plan and where is the relevant information set out?
- Appendix C6 of Core Document 3.132c(iv) includes a summary of dialogue with Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council outside the SSWG. What were the outcomes of these meetings and how does this evidence demonstrate constructive engagement on strategic cross-boundary matters in response to the concerns raised?

Engagement with Maidstone Borough Council

• Examination Document TWLP-006 provides additional information on engagement with Maidstone Borough Council. Paragraph 3 of that document refers to dialogue with Maidstone Borough Council which suggested that helping meet housing needs is "...going to be difficult, esp. given infrastructure issues". How, where and when were these infrastructure issues explored in seeking to meet housing needs in locations beyond the Green Belt and AONB?

3) Other matters and arrangements for future hearing sessions

4) Close – 16:00 (latest)

Participants

- REP/1234324 Woolf Bond Planning obo Castle Hill Developments Ltd.
- REP/24863 Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
- REP/1210843 Farah Brooks- Johnson obo Friends of Tudeley
- REP/1233764 Judith Ashton Associates obo Redrow Homes Ltd & Persimmon Homes South East
- REP/1234727 Turley obo Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd.
- REP/24920 Home Builders Federation
- REP/1009661 Gregory Jones QC & Pro Vision obo Cooper Estates Strategic Land
- REP/921258 Rydon Homes Ltd.
- REP/1196626 Alan Chilvers obo Residents of Golden Green Association & Keep Kent Green
- REP/450581 Troy Planning & Design obo Paddock Wood Town Council
- REP/1233098 Paul Brown QC & Knights Solicitors obo Save Capel