

Examination of the New Castle Point Local Plan

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Agenda - Hearing Day 1. Tuesday 11 May 2021 - 0930 - 1300

- 1) Introduction and Inspectors' Opening Announcements
- 2) Opening statement on behalf of Castle Point Borough Council

Matter 1: Procedural/legal requirements

Issue: Whether all Statutory and Regulatory requirements have been met?

Duty to Cooperate

Q.1 Is there clear evidence that, in the preparation of the Plan, the Council has engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies on strategic matters and issues with cross-boundary impacts in accordance with section 33A of the 2004 Act?

Q.2 What are the specific outcomes of the Duty to Cooperate?

Sustainability Appraisal

Q.3 Did the Council comply with The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SEA Regulations) in the preparation of the Sustainability Appraisal?

Q.4 Is the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) adequate?

Q.5 Has the SA been undertaken on the basis of a consistent methodology and is the assessment robust?

Q.6 Did the Council, through the iterative SA process, take into account reasonable alternatives and has sufficient reasoning been given for the rejection of alternatives?

Q.7 Is the SA report sufficiently clear and self-contained in the demonstration of the consideration of reasonable alternatives?

Habitats Regulations Assessment

Q.8 Has the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) been undertaken in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017?

Q.9 Has the HRA adequately identified the Habitats sites which may be subject to significant effects arising from the Plan?

Q.10 Has the HRA screened all the proposed allocations and transport schemes and considered potential in-combination effects?

Q.11 Is the Plan consistent with the findings of the HRA?

Local Development Scheme

Q.12 Is the Plan compliant with the Council's Local Development Scheme in terms of its form, scope and timing?

Community Involvement

Q.13 Has the Council complied with the requirements of section 19(3) of the 2004 Act with regard to conducting consultation in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement?

Climate Change

Q.14 Are the policies of the Plan designed to secure that the development and use of land contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change in accordance with Section 19(1A) of the Act?

Equalities

Q.15 In what way does the plan seek to ensure that due regard is had to the three aims expressed in s149 of the Equality Act 2010 in relation to those who have a relevant protected characteristic?

Superseded policies

Q.16 Is Appendix 7 of the Plan clear in identifying the policies of the existing development plan which would be superseded by the Plan?

Participants

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