

North East Derbyshire Local Plan Examination

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HEARING SESSION AGENDA

15 November 2018 9.30am

1. Inspectors' introduction
2. Follow up/matters of clarification
3. Main Matter 5 – Spatial strategy, settlement hierarchy and the distribution of employment and housing land (Policies SS2, SS7, SS8, SS9 and SP1 – SP4)

Continued from 14.11.18:

6. Is the Settlement Hierarchy Study Update (EB SS1) based on robust and relevant criteria and evidence?
7. Is it clear how the Update has informed the hierarchy and the designation of settlements within Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 and does the proposed settlement hierarchy reflect the role and function of different settlements?
8. How do the strategic sites relate to the settlement hierarchy?
9. Having regard to paragraph 184 of the NPPF, is it clear which policies should be regarded as 'strategic policies' for the purpose of Neighbourhood Plans (NP)? Does the plan provide an appropriate framework for NPs and what is the up-to-date position with NP preparation in the District?
10. What approach has been taken to identifying the settlement development limits and are they appropriately drawn on the Policies Maps? Are Policies SS7 and SS8 clear and have they been positively prepared?
11. Is Policy SS9 clear and has it been positively prepared?
12. How will Policies SP1 – SP4 support and enhance the roles of Dronfield, Clay Cross, Eckington and Killamarsh?

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4. Main Matter 6 – Whether or not the approach to the Green Belt is soundly based and consistent with national policy (Policy SS10)
 1. What are the exceptional circumstances, as required by the NPPF paragraphs 79 – 86, that justify the plan’s proposed revision of the boundaries of the Green Belt? Can the need for housing and employment development be accommodated on deliverable sites without releasing land from the Green Belt?
 2. Have reasonable alternatives to Green Belt release been robustly assessed and what evidence underpins that assessment, including:
 - Non Green Belt land including capacity within existing settlement boundaries;
 - Brownfield sites (including those on the Brownfield Register) and under utilised land including surplus public sector land;
 - Optimising densities for new housing development; and
 - Land outside the Green Belt within adjoining authorities.
 3. Is the Green Belt Review (EB GB2a, GB2b & GB2ab) based on a consistent, logical and clear methodology and is it clear how general areas were scored in relation to their contribution to Green Belt purposes?
 4. How has the Sheffield City Region Green Belt Review Common Approach informed the process and outcomes of the Green Belt Review? Are the Green Belt boundaries contiguous with those in adjoining authorities and are there any cross boundary issues arising?
 5. Has the approach to focus on the towns in level 1 of the settlement hierarchy for Green Belt release resulted in the loss of any Green Belt robustly fulfilling Green Belt purposes?
 6. Why was a supplementary assessment to identify ‘top up’ sites undertaken and is that approach justified? Is it clear how resultant parcels were identified and assessed?
 7. How will the plan enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt as required by the NPPF?
 8. Would the distribution of proposed Green Belt releases affect the purpose for which the North East Derbyshire Green Belt was designated and if so, how?
 9. Is the extent of the Green Belt clearly defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?

10. Is the approach to amending Green Belt boundaries to release the following sites for development soundly based and is it consistent with the conclusions on their contribution to Green Belt purposes in the Green Belt Review (as set out in Table 3 of the Green Belt Topic Paper):

Site	Address	Green Belt Review Parcel Reference
Dronfield		
Site DR1	Land off Shakespeare Crescent and Sheffield Road	DRO/GB/042
Site DR2	Land north of Eckington Road, Coal Aston	DRO/GB/025
Site DR3	Land at Stubley Drive, Stubley Hollow	DRO/GB/081
Eckington		
Site EC1	Eckington South	ECK/GB/021 & ECK/GB/022
Killamarsh		
Site KL1	Land at Westhorpe	KIL/GB/0025
Site KL2	Land at Rotherham Road	KIL/GB/006

11. Is the extent of the Green Belt appropriately defined having regard to the other boundary changes proposed (as set out in Table 4 of the Green Belt Topic Paper):

Site	Address	Green Belt Review Parcel Reference
Cutthorpe	Land on B6050 adj Rosene Cottages	CUT/GB/003
Holymoorside	Land north of Loads Road	HOLY/GB/024
Killamarsh	Land at Rotherham Road	KIL/GB/006
	Adjacent Site KL1	KIL/GB/0025
Dronfield	Sports ground, Coal Aston	DRO/GB/025
	Land at Stubley Drive	DRO/GB/081

12. Should the plan identify safeguarded land to meet longer term development needs and what are the implications, if any, of not identifying safeguarded land?

5. Follow up items and close of hearing session