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Sent: Tue, 13 Jan 2015 15:00
Subject: Re: Sustainability Appraisal - Examination

Alexa

Please see the following from the Inspector

Inspector's Note to Redditch BC and Bromsgrove DC – 13 January 2015

Thank you for your e-mail dated 9 January 2015 setting out your revised timescale for the reconsideration of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) evidence supporting the identification of housing sites to meet the needs of Redditch. While a delay is unfortunate, I agree that it is in the interests of all parties that the SA exercise should be undertaken in a robust manner. As such, and subject to the comments below, I accept the programme that you have set out – and have asked the Programme Officer to arrange a resumed hearing on Wednesday 17 June 2015, with the potential to extend into Thursday 18 June if required. For the avoidance of doubt, this note does not amount to a formal suspension of either examination.

As I have previously emphasised, it is essential that the new SA work is undertaken in a manner that does not seek to justify any particular outcome. I note that your suggested programme does not appear to take account of the possibility that the revised SA may suggest that an alternative approach (for example in respect of one or more site allocations) should be incorporated into the BORLP4 and/or BDP as submitted. Clearly, any such change would have particular consultation implications – especially if a new allocation was being proposed – and would need to be robustly supported by the evidence base. I would welcome your reassurances, first, that such an outcome has not (in principle) been ruled out by either Council at the present time and, second, that any such consultation could be undertaken within the timescale that you have set out.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Michael J Hetherington
Inspector

Kind regards

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Sent: Fri, 9 Jan 2015 16:23

Subject: RE: Sustainability Appraisal - Examination

Dear Helen,

Further to the email below, we have had additional discussions with our Consultants regarding the proposed timetable and consultation period. On further reflection, we consider that a 5 week consultation period would be more appropriate. Therefore the proposed timetable has been amended as follows:

Prepare revised Sustainability Appraisal Report: w/c 12th January

Consultation (5 weeks): w/c 23rd March

Review consultation responses and finalise SA Report: w/c 27th April

Submit final SA Report to examination: 11th May

Deadline for Hearing Statements: 1st June

Reconvene Examination: w/c 15th June

There is the potential for rooms to be available at Redditch Town Hall on 17th and 18th June if this timetable is acceptable to the Inspector.

Kind regards, Alexa

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