

Warwick District Local Plan Examination

Hearing session for Matter 1 The duty to co-operate

**9.30am Weds 6th May 2015 (all day)
AGENDA**

N.B. The session for Matter 1 concerns the issue of legal compliance with the duty to co-operate as set out in S33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act. Whilst there will be some overlap in discussion and evidence, the issue of soundness as far as overall housing provision will be discussed under Matter 2.

1. Overall housing provision

a) Context

- Extent of Housing Market Area (HMA)
- Interrelationships between authorities in the HMA in terms of migration, commuting and housing markets, in particular between Coventry and other authorities
- Interrelationship between Warwick and Coventry (and other authorities?)
- Wider relationship with Greater Birmingham/overlapping HMAs?

b) Practicalities of engagement with other authorities

- Which authorities?
- When did engagement begin, what form has it taken and how has it been active and ongoing?

c) Identifying housing needs

- Evidence base for objectively assessed need for housing (OAN) – joint SHMA 2013 and Addendum 2014
- Position of Warwick DC and other HMA authorities in terms of OAN for HMA as a whole and individual authorities
- What has been agreed? – Just HMA figure or individual authority figures also?

d) Meeting housing needs

- What is the nature of the agreement between authorities– are they all formally signed up to it? What does it actually commit them to?
- What is the basis for the figures that have been agreed i.e. the distribution between authorities?
- Was the distribution of the higher overall figure of 4,004 dwellings/year re-assessed? What is the basis to suggest that the distribution previously agreed remains correct?
- Evidence of ability to meet needs – overall in HMA and in individual authorities – position as far as adopted plans, plans in progress, SHLAAs, Green Belt Studies etc.
- Will there be unmet needs – in particular in Coventry? If so what is the scale of unmet need?

- What role should Warwick District have in meeting unmet needs from Coventry?
- Influence of Greater Birmingham on parts of the Coventry and Warwickshire HMA and the knock on effect
- How have authorities beyond the HMA been engaged?
- Has the issue of meeting OAN for the HMA (including any unmet need) been addressed and resolved? If so how?
- What additional work is required and when would this be completed?
- Approach in Policies DS2 and DS20 – is this appropriate and does it address the issue effectively?
- Should the issue of fully meeting OAN for the HMA and addressing any unmet needs be left to a review of the Local Plan?
- If not, what are the alternatives?
- Overall, has the Council engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis in maximising the effectiveness of the preparation of the Local Plan?

2. Other strategic matters requiring co-operation

- What are they and how are they genuinely strategic?
- For each what are the particular issues to address? Who has been engaged and what form has this taken? What has been the outcome of co-operation and how have the issues been resolved?
- Has the Council engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis in maximising the effectiveness of the preparation of the Local Plan in relation to these other matters?