

PLAN: MK EXAMINATION

Matter 5: Strategic Site Allocations & Urban Extensions

Day 1 – Issues 1 & 2

HEARING AGENDA

Tuesday 17 July 2018, starting at 10.00am

The agenda sets out the order of this session of the hearings and the main topics on which the discussion will be focused, taking account of the submitted evidence, representations (December 2017) and written statements (June 2018). To assist those wishing to attend for Milton Keynes East - discussion on agenda Item 3 will begin after the mid-morning adjournment (c. 11.30am).

1. Soundness of the general policy approach and principles to manage strategic, large-scale development (Policies SD1, SD11 & SD12)
2. Soundness of Policy SD17 in managing the impacts of cross-boundary growth
3. The justification, rationale and appraisal of the identification of Milton Keynes East (MKE) in Plan:MK as a strategic (reserve) site for indicatively 3,000-5,000 dwellings¹ and employment, including:
 - i) Clarification on site boundaries and any additional proposed parcels of land
 - ii) Soundness of the direction of growth and role of the site and how this has been assessed / compared through Sustainability Appraisal
 - iii) Consideration of how MKE inter-relates with wider planned growth (including in Central Bedfordshire) and cumulative impacts
 - iv) Scope/detail of the evidence base to enable the site to be identified and impacts understood.
 - v) Timeframes for delivery in light of (a) HIF stage 1 bid & timing of HIF Stage 2; (b) other potential sources of funding; (c) evidence of any preliminary capacity to facilitate initial phases?
4. Likely impacts of the proposed development at MKE on the following:
 - (i) Landscape, natural environment and flood risk, including setting and identity of Moulsoe and Newport Pagnell
 - (ii) Strategic road network including M1 and potential connectivity to Expressway
 - (iii) Local road network, including air quality (A509 Olney)

¹ Taken from MKC Written Statement for Matter 5

- (iv) Ability to achieve modal shift (reduced car journeys) in connecting to Newport Pagnell, Central MK and employment and destinations in Central Bedfordshire (including Cranfield Uni)
5. Does the policy provide a sound basis for managing development proposals at MKE during the lifetime of Plan:MK, including:
- (i) Is the policy sufficiently detailed to effectively assess development proposals, including infrastructure requirements, phasing and mitigation?
 - (ii) Policy framework for coordinating and master-planning a sustainable pattern of development at MKE
6. Potential main modifications, including in Statement of Common Ground between MKC and Berkeley (document MK/SOCG/001) dated 22 June 2018.

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