

PLAN: MK EXAMINATION

Matter 2: Spatial Strategy

HEARING AGENDA

Tuesday 10 July 2018, starting at 1.30pm

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). Please note that the site-specific allocations for employment and housing will be considered in the Matters 4 and 5 sessions respectively.

1. Soundness of the proposed Plan period to 2031 and the mechanisms for review
2. Soundness of the approach to Plan:MK in light of:
 - (a) the strategic growth envisaged in positioning MK as a vibrant City hub on the Cambridge – MK - Oxford (caMKox) corridor as set out in MK Futures 2050 report; and
 - (b) the wider growth expectations for the caMKox corridor in the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) reports
3. The justification for the settlement for the settlement hierarchy in Policy DS1, including (at a strategic level) the balance and delivery of growth across the four elements identified for Milton Keynes City
4. Soundness of the expectations for key settlements (including clarity on the role of Newport Pagnell, Olney and Woburn Sands) and sustainability implications of any alternative role
5. The justification and sustainability implications of the role and scale of development at tier 3 of the hierarchy in maintaining the vitality of villages and rural settlements
6. The relationship between the settlement hierarchy in Plan:MK and neighbourhood planning (NP) including existing NPs and providing a framework for future NP preparation
7. Soundness of approach to open countryside (Policy DS5) and Linear Parks (Policy DS6)

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