

Bath and North East Somerset Council
Examination of the Bath and North East Somerset Council Local Plan
(Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan) Partial Update
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NOTE FROM THE INSPECTOR

Scope of the examination

I have prepared this note in response to questions which have been put to the Programme Officer following the publication of my Matters, Issues and Questions (EXAM 4), Guidance Note (EXAM 3) and Draft Programme for the hearings (EXAM 2).

The Plan proposed is a partial update to the adopted Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan. The changes proposed are set out in the Schedule of Changes to the Local Plan (CD-SD001). In this examination, I am concerned only with the changes proposed to the adopted Local Plan by the Council as set out in the Schedule of Changes document. For the avoidance of doubt, the parts of the adopted Local Plan which are not proposed to be changed in the submitted Plan are not before me in this examination, and I have no powers to make recommendations to the Council about them. Regardless of the outcome of my examination, the parts of the adopted Local Plan which are not before me in this examination will remain unchanged after my examination is concluded.

Some representors have contacted the Programme Officer requesting that additional hearing sessions are held concerning Policies of the existing development plan which are not proposed to be changed by the submitted Plan. I shall not be doing this, as public money and other resources must be used properly and efficiently, and the examination must be conducted in a way which is fair to all representors.

However, where there are representors who have asked to be heard whose representations fall outside the ambit of my Matters, Issues and Questions, they may be allocated to a general matters part of an appropriate hearing session. I must stress however that any statements and oral evidence made should relate to the proposed partial update to the adopted Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan as set out in the Schedule of Changes. Any evidence on parts of the Plan not before me cannot, and will not, lead to me making recommendations about those parts of the

Plan as I have no remit to do so. Any such changes sought by representors would be a matter for the Council in a review of the full Local Plan in due course.

Philip Lewis

INSPECTOR

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