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CORE STRATEGY DPD

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SUMMARY NOTES OF PRE HEARING MEETING HELD ON 1 JULY 2010

(TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GUIDANCE NOTES)

1) The Inspector confirmed that the Council has submitted a Schedule of Minor Post –Publication Changes. These are minor corrections and do not require further consultation or sustainability appraisal. The starting point for the examination will therefore be the submission version of the CS together with the post publication changes.

2) During the examination the Council should rely on evidence collected whilst preparing the CS to demonstrate that it is sound. Those seeking changes have to demonstrate why that is not the case. Any changes must themselves be sound and have regard to the need for public consultation and sustainability appraisal. Changes should relate to the soundness of the plan rather than trying to “improve” it. Wherever possible changes necessary to ensure that it is sound should be put forward by the Council and agreed with other participants.

3) The Inspector confirmed that she is required to examine the CS in the context of the adopted London Plan. However she will have regard to policies and targets in the emerging LP. She will also take account of recently announced changes to PPS3 regarding housing densities and garden land.

4) A draft programme, setting out the main issues for discussion was circulated. The Inspector explained that this would be expanded to include key questions for each of the matters identified. The Guidance Notes set out the format for submissions. Further statements should explain:

- What particular part of the Core Strategy is unsound?
- Which soundness test of those set out in paragraphs 4.52 of PPS12, does it fail?
- Why does it fail?
- How can the Core Strategy be made sound?
- What is the precise change/wording that is sought?

Written submissions or hearing statements based on the matters and key questions should be submitted by 12 noon on Monday 2 August 2010. .

5) The Hearings will start at 10:00 am on Tuesday 14th September 2010 and will continue though each day with breaks as appropriate. If any participants have serious time constraints they should let the Programme Officer know as soon as possible. The Hearings will follow an informal round table format, irrespective of how many participants are present.

6) The Council has prepared a list of Core Documents for the examination. This list will be placed on the Council's website with links to those documents that are available electronically. All the documents can be viewed in hard copy by arrangement with the Programme Officer.

7) The Inspector will announce the date for submitting her binding report to the Council at the final hearing.

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