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Cambridge Local Plan and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Examinations

Work Plan to Respond to the Inspectors' Preliminary Conclusions

The Inspectors wrote to the Councils on 20 May 2015 (RD/GEN/170) setting out some additional work that they consider needs to be carried out to the Cambridge Local Plan and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan before they could be found 'sound' and able to be adopted.

The joint letter from the Councils to the Inspectors dated 30 June 2015 (RD/GEN/170) set out an outline of the work the Councils propose to undertake in order to address the issues raised in the Inspectors' letter.

The work plan to undertake the work is set out below:

Overall Development Strategy

Issues raised by Inspectors:

- How alternative options for the development strategy had been approached (in particular edge of Cambridge versus new settlements)
- Level of evidence available that the necessary infrastructure provision for new settlements can be delivered
- The methodology used for the Green Belt work.

Approach to work:

- Refresh Sustainability Appraisals and how different options assessed
- Update Infrastructure evidence, including updating transport modelling
- Review, clarify and, as appropriate, update approach to Green Belt work.

Objectively Assessed Need for new Housing

Issues raised by Inspectors:

- Whether the provision in the plans for 33,000 new homes is appropriate – 14,000 in Cambridge and 19,000 in South Cambridgeshire
- Provision is at the likely lower end, with objectors' assessments higher
- Inspectors have not indicated a view on the precise figure
- Asked for further work to take account of 'market signals', in particular affordability, and to consider whether an upwards adjustment is appropriate
- Also asks for a view of the Government's (DCLG) 2012 household projections.

Approach to work:

- Appoint specialist consultants to advise on market signals and affordability of housing and undertake sensitivity testing.

Conformity with Revisions to National Planning Policy

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- Various Written Ministerial Statements have been published since Local Plans submitted in March 2014
- Relate to matters including provision of affordable housing, space standards and car parking provision
- Inspectors have asked for policies to be reviewed in light of the Written Ministerial Statements.

Approach to work:

- Officers to review relevant policies and suggest appropriate amendments as necessary.

Consequential work streams

Issue:

- It is possible that wider modifications could flow from the work to be undertaken.

Approach to work:

- Any consequential work to be identified and carried out as part of this process.