

ROSSENDALE LOCAL PLAN HEARINGS

AGENDA – DAY 1

Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 10.00

**Rossendale Borough Council, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup
OL13 0BB**

MATTER 1 – LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

MATTER 2 – VISION AND SPATIAL STRATEGY

Please note:

- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the issues addressed at this session. These are available on the Examination website.
- References to questions in brackets are those posed by the Inspectors in the Matters Issues and Questions (MIQs) document. This has already been circulated and can be viewed on the Examination website.
- Please see the Hearings Programme for a list of the participants at each session.

Inspectors – Katie Child and Luke Fleming

1. Inspectors' opening remarks
2. Opening by Rossendale Council

MATTER 1 – LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Has the Plan been prepared in accordance with statutory procedures and Regulations?

3. Duty to Cooperate – engagement with other authorities on housing and employment figures [1a]
4. Sustainability Appraisal – reasonable alternative site options, spatial strategy options and other policies options [1b]
5. Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan – how the emerging Neighbourhood Plan may work alongside the Rossendale Local Plan [1c]
6. Superseded policies – establishing the approach in the Plan
7. Consultation on the Local Plan and the Local Development Scheme [1e-1f]
8. Habitat Regulations Assessment – the mitigation measures and how they have fed into the appropriate assessment and the Local Plan [1g]

9. Equalities Impact Assessment [1h]

MATTER 2 – VISION AND SPATIAL STRATEGY

Does the Plan set out a clear vision, strategic objectives and spatial strategy which present a positive framework that is consistent with national policy and will contribute to the achievement of sustainable development?

10. Vision and strategic priorities – articulation of these and their representation in the Plan [2a]

11. Spatial strategy [2b-2i]

- Role of Policy SS in establishing a spatial strategy
- Whether the settlement hierarchy in Policy SS is justified, robust and provides a clear framework for determining planning applications

12. Urban boundaries and the countryside [2j-2k]

- Soundness of the approach to development in the countryside in paragraph 1 of Policy SD 2
- Proposed major changes to the Urban Boundary in document EL1.002d (not involving allocation sites or changes to the Green Belt) – potential housing capacity

[please note, proposed changes to the Green Belt will be covered at the Matter 8 session on Thursday 26th September. It will include sites where both Green Belt and urban boundary changes are proposed.]

13. Sustainable development [2l-2m]

- Plan strategy in relation to self-containment and out-commuting
- Policy SD1 – justification and consistency with national policy