

ROSSENDALE LOCAL PLAN HEARINGS

AGENDA – DAY 5

Wednesday 2st October 2019 at 10.00am

Rossendale Borough Council, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup
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MATTER 16 – ENVIRONMENT
MATTER 6 – LEISURE AND TOURISM
MATTER 7 – TRANSPORT

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.

Programme Note - Please note the start time of **10.00am**. Matter 16 will be considered in the morning session. Matters 17 and 18 will be considered in the afternoon session which will commence at **2.30pm**.

Inspector – Luke Fleming

1. Inspector's opening remarks

MATTER 16 – ENVIRONMENT

Are the environment policies positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

2. High quality development [16a]

- Development briefs and design codes
- Health impact assessments
- Viability
- Site specific requirements

3. Heritage [16b]

- Historic environment
- Does Policy ENV2 adequately deal with regeneration in Conservation Areas
- Is Policy ENV2 consistent with national policy
- Site specific requirements

4. Landscape [16c]

5. Biodiversity, geodiversity and ecology [16d-16f]
 - Appropriate Assessment and the threshold
 - Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGs)
 - Measurable net gains for biodiversity
6. Green infrastructure [16g-16h]
 - 20% net gains justification
 - The green infrastructure network on the Policies Map
 - Applying Policy ENV5 to development proposals
7. Environmental Protection [16i]
 - Electric vehicle charging points
8. Wind turbines [16j]
 - Landscape
 - Areas of search
 - Designations on the Policies Map
 - Decommissioning
 - Peat
 - Health impacts
 - Community led
 - Turbine height
9. Other forms of renewable energy [16j]
10. Flood risk, surface water drainage and water quality [16k]
 - Surface water management
 - Minor developments and SuDs
 - Site specific requirements
11. Trees & Hedgerows [16l]

MATTER 17 – LEISURE AND TOURISM

Are the leisure and tourism policies positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

12. Protection of playing pitches, open space and sports and recreational facilities [17a]
 - Evidence
 - Site specific requirements
13. Community facilities [17b]

MATTER 18 – TRANSPORT

Are Policies TR1 – TR4 positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

14. Parking standards [18b]

- Evidence
- Electric vehicle charging points
- The need for more car parking