

ROSSENDALE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

HEARING AGENDA

Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 10.00
@ Rossendale Borough Council Offices, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup OL13 0BB

MATTER 4 – Additional session on gypsy and traveller transit sites

Please note:

- This is an additional session on Matter 4 following consultation carried out by the Council in January/February 2020 on a proposed alternative transit site at Sharneyford.
- Respondents are requested to contact the Programme Officer¹ by 20th March 2020 to confirm whether they wish to participate (e.g. talk) at the hearing session. Anyone is welcome to attend the hearing session to observe.
- Participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Council's evidence documents and responses received from other parties, as set out on the Examination website.
- No hearing statements are sought in connection with this hearing session.

Inspector: Katie Child

1. Inspector's introductory remarks
2. Résumé of Council's position regarding Futures Park (Policy EMP6) – including deliverability and legal restrictions on the use of the land
3. Transit site assessment methodology
 - Identification of site options
 - Site assessment criteria
 - Locational needs of the travelling community
4. Suitability of proposed alternative allocation at Sharneyford
 - Sustainability of the location
 - Physical living conditions for future occupants
 - Landscape character
 - Highways
 - Flood risk
 - Biodiversity
 - Heritage

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5. Deliverability of proposed alternative allocation at Sharneyford
 - Site availability and ownership
 - Role of the Council in delivery and on-going management
 - Development costs and viability
6. Any other matters
7. Inspector's closing remarks