

Email from Programme Officer to representors and Council 171215

This note is being sent to all representors regarding the Local Plan. It provides a brief update regarding the hearings timetable and also gives an opportunity to certain representors to comment upon selected sites in relation to the recent exceptional flooding.

A number of you will be aware that the final two days of the hearings programme were postponed and these have now been rearranged for Tuesday 19th January and Wednesday 20th January. I will be writing separately to those participants originally scheduled to appear for these final two days and will also be making the programme and agendas available via the Examination webpage shortly.

The remainder of this email is directed towards the following three groups:

1. the Council
2. those who made representations on specific site allocations in the Submission version of the Local Plan
3. participants that attended the hearing session in relation to Policy HO1 and discussed potential sites not included as site allocations (omission sites)

In light of the recent flooding that has occurred in Carlisle, the Inspector is inviting additional comments from the Council and those who made representations on specific site allocations in the submission version of the Carlisle District Local Plan on the implications, if any, of this flood event on sites allocated for development in the Local Plan.

In particular she would like to know:

Were allocated sites affected by the flooding events?

If so, which ones and to what extent?

Do they remain deliverable or developable?

Does the SA remain an accurate assessment of any affected sites?

Do the proposed site allocations remain appropriate?

In addition, the Inspector invites the Council and participants that attended the hearing session in relation to Policy HO1 and discussed potential sites not included as site allocations (omission sites) to comment on the impact of the recent flooding, if any, on those sites.

Please respond by noon on 12 January 2016, noting clearly at the head of your submission the relevant location and your representor details. The latter continue to be available from the following webpage:

<http://www.carlisle.gov.uk/planning-policy/Local-Plan-Examination/Representations-Made-Pursuant-to-Regulation-20>

The Inspector will welcome your succinct comments but please note that it is not intended to reopen discussions on these sites at the resumed hearings.

As always, you are welcome to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you.

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