

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

PROVISIONAL OUTLINE SCHEDULE OF ISSUES

1. Does the Plan and its preparation comply with the statutory Duty to Co-operate with prescribed bodies regarding cross-boundary strategic matters, including housing requirements in particular?
2. Is the Plan otherwise legally compliant including with respect to the:
 - a. public consultation process and the Statement of Community Involvement,
 - b. Revised Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment/Appropriate Assessment,
 - c. Local Development Scheme, and
 - d. relevant Act and Regulations?
3. Is the ESPP effective in relying upon, or deferring to, other plans or policy documents, in particular:
 - a. a potential future site allocation Development Plan Document,
 - b. Neighbourhood Plans, and
 - c. Supplementary Planning Document on Housing Choice,taking into account the progress of their preparation and the level and nature of objection being encountered.
4. Is the overall Spatial Strategy of the Plan sound including respect to:
 - a. the Settlement Hierarchy and the broad location of development
 - b. the designation of Green Gapsand are the respective designations and functions of Strategic Sites and Strategic Urban Extensions sufficiently distinct?
5. Does the Plan and its Evidence Base robustly make appropriate provision for flood risk and the application of the sequential and exception tests of national policy and guidance?
6. Is the requirement for the provision of housing identified in the Plan soundly based on an Objective Assessment of Need for market and affordable housing within an appropriately defined Housing Market Area?
7. Is there robust evidence that the development locations and sites allocated in the Plan and windfall sites can deliver the requisite number of market and affordable dwellings across the Borough such as to maintain a minimum five year housing land supply at all times?
8. Does the Plan make appropriate provision for developer contributions toward an identified need for affordable housing based on robust evidence of viability across the Borough, including consideration of the content of the Housing Choice SPD?

9. Does the Plan make sound provision for sufficient, appropriately located Employment sites?
10. Does the Plan make sound provision for Retail development?
11. Does the Plan make sound provision for Leisure Development?
12. Is there robust viability and other evidence that the infrastructure necessary to support the development allocated in the Plan will be provided at the appropriate time?
13. Does the Plan make appropriate provision for sites to accommodate Gypsies and Travellers on robust up to date evidence of need?
14. Does the Plan include appropriate policies for development management?
15. Are the individual development locations and sites allocated by the Plan selected on the basis of robust evidence of suitability, availability and deliverability for development at the appropriate time having regard to likely planning impacts. *Note – where allocated sites have received planning permission since the submission of the Plan these will only be considered with respect to their contribution to housing land supply.*

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