

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

EXAMINATION OF CORE STRATEGY

AGENDA FOR EXAMINATION AT RESUMED HEARING SESSIONS

Hearings commence:

14 September 2010

Hearing sessions

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**PARTICIPANTS AT RESUMED HEARING SESSIONS
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Participants

Oxford City Council	Oxfordshire CC
South Oxfordshire DC	Northern Gateway Consortium
CPRE (Oxfordshire/Oxford District)	Oxfordshire Green Party
ENGAGE	Mark Pitt
Horspath PC	Highways Agency
Rosemary Harris	Councillor John Goddard
Councillor Mike Gotch	British Rail Body (Residuary) Ltd
Mr Rodrigo	Silke Schaeper
Nicola Blackwood MP	Oxford Green Belt Network
Councillor Jean Fooks	Councillor McCready
Councillor Nuala Young	Wolvercote Commoners' Committee
Headington & St Clements Group of Residents' Associations	Merton College
Oxfordshire City & County Archaeological Forum/ Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society	Natural England
BBOWT	Oxford Preservation Trust
Oxford Bus Users	Sean Feeney

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1. Inspectors' introduction
2. **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**
- 2.1 Confirmation from Oxford City Council that they wish the examination of the Oxford Core Strategy to proceed to a completion.
3. **FURTHER PROPOSED CHANGES TO CORE STRATEGY**
- 3.1 Council's summary of Further Proposed Changes to Core Strategy
- 3.2 Matters arising from representations made
4. **UPDATE SINCE THE PREVIOUS HEARINGS CLOSED**
- 4.1 Have there been any significant/material developments since the previous hearings closed in July 2009 that might affect the submitted Core Strategy (as amended)?
- 4.2 Housing land supply:
 - a. What is the latest position in terms of housing land supply, including 5, 10 & 15-year housing land supply, and is there any updated work on housing land supply, including any work on the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment?
- 4.3 Employment land supply:
 - a. What is the latest position in terms of employment land supply, and is there any updated work on employment land supply, including any work on the Employment Land Review or other employment/economic assessments?
- 4.4 Do any of the following proposals/events have any significance for the submitted Core Strategy (as amended):
 - a. Chiltern Railways' proposal for a rail link from Bicester-Oxford, including a Park & Ride station near the Northern Gateway;
 - b. Other designations of specific areas of land.
5. **IMPLICATIONS OF REVOCATION OF SOUTH-EAST PLAN RSS**
- 5.1 What are the implications of the Secretary of State's recent statements¹ confirming that the Regional Strategies (including the South-East Plan Regional Spatial Strategy) are now revoked and decisions on housing and planning (including housing supply) are being returned to local councils?
- 5.2 Housing land supply:
 - a. What is the basis for the current housing land provision figure (8,000 dwellings), following the revocation of the South-East of England Regional Spatial Strategy?
 - b. What are the implications of the ministerial statement² changing the status of private residential gardens in terms of the definition as previously developed land (PPS3; Annex B) and abolishing the minimum density requirement for new residential development (PPS3; ¶ 47)?
- 5.3 Employment land supply:
 - a. What is the basis for the current employment land provision figure, following the revocation of the South-East of England Regional Spatial Strategy?

¹ *Parliamentary statement by Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP (Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government) [dated 6 July 2010]; following Letter from Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP (Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government) to all local authorities [dated 27 May 2010; DCLG]*

² *Statement of Greg Clark MP (Minister of State for Decentralisation) [dated 9 June 2010; DCLG];*

- 5.4 Does the revocation of the South-East of England Regional Spatial Strategy have any other implications for the submitted Core Strategy (as amended), including:
- a. Sub-regional strategy for the Oxford area;
 - b. Loss of the South of Oxford Strategic Development Area;
 - c. Northern Gateway proposed development area, including the scale nature, mix, extent and phasing of land-uses;
 - d. The homes:jobs balance in Oxford, including the latest analysis, basis and justification for the figures and calculations used;
 - e. Regeneration and development of Blackbird Leys and Cowley centres;
 - f. Green Belt;
 - g. Transport;
 - h. Hierarchy of centres, including town, local and other shopping centres;
 - i. Other regional policies, including natural environment, flooding, climate change, etc;
 - j. Cross-boundary and sub-regional issues;
 - k. Flexibility and contingency arrangements in the longer term.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

- 6.1 Any other relevant/outstanding matters.
- 6.2 Council's closing remarks
- 6.3 Inspectors' closing remarks

The inspectors point out that the resumed hearings will only consider matters and issues that have arisen since the previous hearing sessions closed, including the Council's Further Proposed Changes to the Core Strategy (as amended) and the implications of the revocation of the South-East Plan Regional Spatial Strategy. Matters and points already made during the earlier hearing sessions need not be repeated, and participants should concentrate on new issues arising from the current circumstances relevant to the Core Strategy included in their representations on the Council's Further Proposed Changes and in statements made to the resumed hearing sessions.