

Note of Conversation with Stephen Carnaby (PINS) On 24/4/12 re next stages in Local Plan process

1. Timetabling from now – inspectorate need to be informed 1 month before publication of Proposed Submission document and then again on publication at which point they will forward a draft Service Level Agreement to agree over the next stages. They will expect SSDC to give them a clear view as to when an Examination will be appropriate based on local knowledge of the process and issues.
2. SC advised to check emerging plan against the NPPF and indicated to use the PAS toolkit (freshly published this week) and to include a policy re presumption in favour of devt. As the Minister is keen to see one in all Plans
3. Upon completion of consultation representations need to be forwarded in electronic and paper version in full with a view of the Council as to what are the main issues outstanding. PI note that summarising representations is not required!
4. Inspectorate will require with Proposed Submission document the SA report, AA report, EQA report, report on Consultation (report drafted already by Helen Rutter and updated to take in the latest consultation). Also the evidence base used in any part of the Local Plan to derive policy and text (in electronic and paper versions)
5. Upon actual submission of Plan with representations and summary of issues there will be a 10 week period to commencement of Examination if a Pre Examination Hearing is not called for or 14 weeks if a Hearing is held. (PEHs are being discouraged but are usually held where there is strong and vociferous local objectors)
6. Whilst there is no requirement for a view of Authority on representations and their appropriateness or not a schedule of minor changes agreeable to the LA is normally welcome whilst any major changes that the Authority might be minded to agree would require reconsultation prior to an Examination!