

CORE STRATEGY FOR CHILTERN DISTRICT - EXAMINATION

INSPECTOR'S AGENDA: HEARING, FRIDAY 15 APRIL (1st session)

Main Matter 8

This agenda draws on the main questions set out in the Main Matters and Questions 21 February. These are indicated thus (Q9.1). In the light of the Council's responses, not all of the previous questions need be explored further. Additional, follow-up questions and comments are shown in *italics*.

Overarching issue: Are there any infrastructure proposals or constraints which are critical to the delivery of the strategy and if so does the CS adequately address them?

Transport

In response to my previous question (Q9.1) regarding the "Improved Rail Link to Chesham" shown on the Key Diagram, the Council has merely said: "Noted - there is no specific proposal within the text". So what are the implications - why is it shown?

In response to (Q9.2) concerning the "Improved Traffic Route Through Chesham" the Council confirms that this relates to the Congestion Management Corridor in the DIDS and LTP? Is there a good reason for describing it differently? The Council should consider a change for clarity.

In the absence of any evidence undermining the Council's approach, I was not intending to explore further matters relating to the general transport policies. Any discussion?

Utility services - Water supply

In the light of the further explanation provided by the Environment Agency and Veolia Water is the Core Strategy sound in the absence of any specific measures to limit water use in new homes?

The Council indicates that the proposed change to Table 1 following CS4 is intended to create flexibility for the issue of water efficiency to be developed further in other DPDs. Why might that be necessary later, but not now? (Any standard set in the Core Strategy could be indicated as subject to change in a later DPD if required.)

Utility services - Sewerage and sewage treatment

In the light of the further explanation provided by Thames Water is the Core Strategy sound in relation to the provision of sewerage and sewage treatment. Even if it is, would additional wording clarify matters?

Monitoring

How will the amount of finance raised through S106 agreements demonstrate policy effectiveness? Success surely relates to achieving solutions to harm that the development would otherwise cause and may be resolved by various means.

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