

CORE STRATEGY FOR CHILTERN DISTRICT - EXAMINATION

INSPECTOR'S AGENDA: HEARING, MONDAY 11 APRIL 2PM (1st session)

Compliance with Statutory and Regulatory matters

There is a separate agenda for the 2nd session on Main Matter 1.

This agenda follows the main questions set out in the Main matters and Questions 21 February. Some questions appear uncontroversial and I indicate where I have no further questions and no discussion may be needed.

A) Has the Core Strategy been prepared in accordance with the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and have the relevant details in the LDS been met in respect of the role, rationale and scope of the CS?

I have not seen any evidence that this requirement is not met.

B) Has the CS been prepared in compliance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (CD07/22)?

C) Does the CS comply with the 2004 Regulations (as amended) in relation to the publication of documents, advertising and notification?

The main points for discussion are:

Council to explain what it considers paragraph 3.15 of the SCI means.

Was there a failure to comply with SCI?

Does the publication of CDN107 overcome any past failure to comply with the SCI? If not, what are the implications?

D Has there been sufficient regard given to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) as required by S19(2) of the 2004 Act?

How did the Council take into account this aspect of the SCS when deciding that 2,400 is the appropriate overall housing provision and the implications for affordable housing? (Related questions arise under other main issues)

E Has the DPD been subject to sustainability appraisal (SA)? Does the SA show how different options perform and is it clear that sustainability considerations informed the content of the CS from the start?

Was the selection of 2,400 as the required housing provision in the publication version of the Core Strategy considered against reasonable alternatives?

F Is the Core Strategy in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy - the South East Plan?

The substance of this issue relates only to the scale of housing provision and is best discussed under main matter 3.

G Have the requirements of the Habitat Regulations been satisfied?

The Council's statement (C13, p8) refers to a letter from Natural England 3 March 2011. Council to make a Core Document. No further questions anticipated.

**Simon Emerson
Inspector 30 March 2011**