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RECONVENED EXAMINATION HEARINGS

AGENDA

TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2015 at 10.00 am

Signature Suite, The Venue, Civic Way, Poplar Bank, Huyton, L36 9GD.

1. INSPECTOR'S INTRODUCTION

2. LEGAL COMPLIANCE AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Some local residents who submitted representations to the consultation on Main Modifications stated that they were previously unaware of the sites proposed to be removed from the Green Belt. It is therefore necessary to revisit a procedural matter discussed at commencement of the examination:

- 2.1 *Is the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy (KLPCS) in general accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement? Has the KLPCS emerged from an open and transparent process that demonstrates how and why the preferred strategy was selected, in consultation with the public and other stakeholders?*

3. NEW MATTERS ARISING SINCE JULY 2014 HEARINGS

Housing need and land supply assessments

On 27 February 2015 the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) published 2012-based household projections for the period 2012-2037. The new projections are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/2012-based-household-projections-in-england-2012-to-2037>

For the benefit of representors, the Council has published the relevant data for Knowsley (document [AD60](#)); this is available on the Examination website and at the Council offices.

- 3.1 *What are the implications of the new household projections for the KLPCS, particularly in relation to the objectively assessed need for housing?*

- 3.2 *Are there other changes in the evidence base which materially affect the assessment of housing need, such as any update to the SHMA or changes in market signals?*
- 3.3 *Are there changes in the evidence base which materially affect the housing land supply assessment (eg any significant changes to the availability of housing land, updated data on residential density, revisions to the housing trajectory, etc)? Does the latest information on housing land availability show any significant variation of recent trends?*

Ministerial Statements and revisions to Planning Practice Guidance

DCLG has published various Written Ministerial Statements and revisions to the national Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) since July 2014. Those most relevant to the KLPCS are set out in the Annex to the Note that accompanies this Agenda.

- 3.4 *What are the implications (if any) of the Ministerial Statements and PPG revisions for the KLPCS, particularly in relation to:*
- (a) development in the Green Belt*
 - (b) sustainable drainage systems*
 - (c) housing standards*
 - (d) affordable housing site-size thresholds*
 - (e) housing for older people*
 - (f) planning obligations?*

Other matters arising since July 2014 hearings

Representors are asked to identify in advance any other new matters that are relevant to the KLPCS, and to indicate how the Plan should be modified as a result.

- 3.5 *Are there any other new matters relevant to the KLPCS?*