

Councillor Ian Smith. Knowsley Local Plan reconvened hearings. 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
Policy CS 5 Green Belt :: Policy CS 3 : Housing Supply.

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Dear Mr Morris

Re : Knowsley Local Plan / Core Strategy / Modifications and Reconvened Hearings.

I refer to your letter and explanatory notes dated 26 June 2014 regarding the above..  
I have made representations on behalf of Mr E J Bean since the Core Strategy process got underway in 2008/09.

I would like to attend the reconvened hearing that will deal with his land and his request to have it allocated into the reserve list of locations for employment use.

Since the adjourned hearings a key factor that is felt to impact on his land is the formalisation of the Liverpool City Region. There is an expectation its members will work collaboratively on investment growth within its boundaries.

I have no wish to repeat evidence I have previously given, only to say the I was leader of the opposition on KMBC during most of the Core Strategy process and believe there is evidence to show that the Council's assessments of Mr Bean's land were flawed from the outset and subsequently lacked transparency.

The Inspector raises the important question in para 1.1 of the Provisional Agenda re the implications of the new population projections for the assessed need for housing in the Knowsley Borough ?

My party made observations in our Response to the Preferred Options Report to the KLPCS dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011. There is no evidence that the Council addressed any issues raised in the report.

Page 4 / 5 of the report mentions the non-stop house building programme in Kirkby since 1992 and its implications under the auspices of a "stabilisation strategy".

I would invite the Inspector to consider the report in light of his question.  
The report also deals with land at Bank Lane at para ( 1 ) page 7.  
As there is now an approved outline plan to build 207 houses on this Green Belt site this constitutes a "speculative development" as we await the outcome of this process.

Yours sincerely  


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Please annex this letter my other letter of today's date.

With regard to para 2.2 in the Inspectors issues on new matters arising since November 2013 hearings I would like the opportunity to add to my previous evidence on proposals for land at Knowsley Lane, Huyton.

The proposed sub-division of land in this location will impact of the Knowsley Village residential area. This is also a Conservation area within a rural setting.

The policy to change this land into employment use ( Class B ) and housing allocations new policy ( SUE 2A ) requires further update from the views of community after wider publicity from the hearings last November.

I would be grateful to be listed to make a submission at the reconvened hearings

Yours sincerely.



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