



Independent Examination of the Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan

Examination Hearing Programme Stage 1

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Week 1

Hearing Day 1: Tuesday 17 March 2020

Crowne Plaza Gerrards Cross Hotel, Oxford Rd, Beaconsfield HP9 2XE

Matter 1 - Compliance with the Act and Regulations

Morning – 10:00

- 1) Introduction and Inspectors' Opening Announcements
- 2) Opening statement on behalf of Chiltern and South Bucks Councils
- 3) Matter 1 Issue 1 - Duty to Cooperate

Participants

- TBC

Afternoon – 14:00

- 4) Matter 1 Issue 2 – Sustainability Appraisal

Participants

- TBC

Hearing Day 2: Wednesday 18 March 2020

Crowne Plaza Gerrards Cross Hotel, Oxford Rd, Beaconsfield HP9 2XE

**Matter 1 - Compliance with the Act and Regulations continued and
Matter 2 – Objectively Assessed Housing and Employment Needs**

Morning – 10:00

- 5) Matter 1 Issues 3-7 – Public Consultation, the Local Development Scheme, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and the Public Sector Equality Duty

Participants

- TBC

Note to Participants – Discussions surrounding the Habitats Regulations Assessment on Hearing Day 2 will consider the scope and methodology of the Councils' assessment. More detailed discussions regarding possible mitigation strategies and matters relating to the Burnham Beeches Special Area of Conservation ('SAC') will take place during Stage 2.

Afternoon – 14:00

- 6) Matter 2 Issues 1-3 – Housing Needs, Affordable Housing Needs and Employment Needs

Participants

- TBC

Hearing Day 3: Thursday 19 March 2020

Crowne Plaza Gerrards Cross Hotel, Oxford Rd, Beaconsfield HP9 2XE

Matter 3 – Spatial Strategy

Morning – 10:00

7) Matter 3 Issues 1-2 – Distribution of Growth and Location of New Development

Afternoon – 14:00

8) Matter 3 Issues 1-2 – Distribution of Growth and Location of New Development continued...

Participants

- TBC

Hearing Day 4: Friday 20 March 2020

Crowne Plaza Gerrards Cross Hotel, Oxford Rd, Beaconsfield HP9 2XE

RESERVE DAY

Morning – 10.00

9) IF REQUIRED

Afternoon – 14:00

10) IF REQUIRED

Week 2

Hearing Day 5: Tuesday 24 March 2020

Crowne Plaza Gerrards Cross Hotel, Oxford Rd, Beaconsfield HP9 2XE

Matter 4 – Revision of Green Belt Boundaries and Development in the Green Belt (Policies SP PP1 and DM PP1-DM PP3)

Morning – 09:30

11) Matter 4 Issues 1–2 – Principle of Green Belt Release and Boundary Changes

Participants

- TBC

Afternoon – 14.00

12) Matter 4 Issues 3–4 – Villages Inset from the Green Belt and Green Belt Villages

Participants

- TBC

Note to Participants - Hearing Day 5 will cover the principle of amending Green Belt boundaries. The morning session will consider the methodology used by the Councils and the rationale for strategic boundary changes. The afternoon session will focus on villages proposed to be inset from the Green Belt and villages 'washed over' by the Green Belt.

Representors wishing to discuss specific housing or employment allocations under Policies SP BP2 - SP BP14 should attend the relevant sessions on each site that will follow in Stage 2 of the examination.

Hearing Day 6: Wednesday 25 March 2020

Crowne Plaza Gerrards Cross Hotel, Oxford Rd, Beaconsfield HP9 2XE

Matter 5 – Residential and Employment Site Allocations (Policies SP LP1 and SP BP2 - SP BP14)

Morning – 10:00

- 13) Matter 5 Issues 1-2 – Residential Site Allocations Methodology and Employment Site Allocations Methodology

Afternoon – 14:00

- 14) Matter 5 Issues 1-2 – Residential Allocations Site Methodology and Employment Site Allocations Methodology continued...

Participants

- TBC

Note to Participants – Hearing Day 6 will consider the methodology and process of allocating residential, employment and mixed-use sites. Discussions on individual allocations will take place during Stage 2 of the examination. Please refer to the accompanying Guidance Note for further information regarding the Stage 2 hearings.