

Examination of West Berkshire Local Plan 2022-2039

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IN29: Action Points from week 5 hearing session

Introduction

Further to the week five hearing session on 26 June 2024, the following actions are required by the Council. I consider these to be necessary at this stage of the examination to inform my consideration of whether the Plan is sound and/or how it could be made sound by main modifications. I may decide in due course that other or different main modifications are required, including in relation to policy SP17 and the North East Thatcham allocation.

Responses should be submitted to the Programme Officer by **midday on Friday 5 July 2024** unless otherwise specified.

SP17 North East Thatcham strategic allocation

References below to the Council amending the proposed modification to policy SP17 and reasoned justification relate to the wording set out in EXAM42A published on 24 June 2024.

AP73. Council to amend the proposed modification to policy SP17 and/or reasoned justification to:

- Delete “to serve the development” in the first sentence under the heading “Community”.
- Clarify that some of the social infrastructure proposed will serve the wider population, as well as future residents on the site, and not all of it will be wholly funded by the housing developers.
- Move the bullet point relating to outdoor sports pitches to the green infrastructure section bullet point relating to open space to be provided within the developed parts of the site and include reference to policy DM40¹.
- Clarify the second bullet point under the heading “Heritage” relating to the setting of the adjacent listed buildings, with reference as appropriate to policies SP9 and DM10.

¹ Consider deleting reference to DM40 in the first sentence under the heading “Green infrastructure”.

AP74. Council to clarify the implications of the latest evidence in EXAM42 Annex E (Tables 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9) on the housing trajectory set out in EXAM22, including for the five year supply from 1 April 2026 (which assumed a contribution of 320 dwellings on the North East Thatcham site up to 31 March 2031).

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