

East Riding Local Plan Examination

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Pre-Hearing Note 1 to the Council

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Thank you for sending through the East Riding Local Plan Update submission and evidence documents. I am still at an early stage in my preparation and reading. However, I have a number of initial questions for the Council and requests for additional information. This will help me to determine how best the examination should proceed and to better focus my Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs). My questions/requests are set out in the sections below.

I would hope to be in a position to issue the MIQs and seek hearing statements in early June. However, it will depend on the Council's estimated timescales for responding to this note and providing the additional information. As such it would be appreciated if you could let me know the Council's estimated timescales as soon as possible for completing the work. If the MIQs are issued later, we will need to discuss extending the deadline for submitting hearing statements to take account of the main school holidays and annual leave.

Therefore, at present I anticipate that the hearings could be held in Autumn 2023. The exact timing will depend on the above. At present I am available from 20th September to 19th October, 31st October to 23rd November and 5th to 14th December. I understand that the Programme Officer has some availability restrictions during the Autumn/early Winter that we will need to factor in.

Representations on the draft Local Plan Update

1. Appendix 4 of the Consultation Statement 2022 (S-EB11-02) provides a useful summary of the representations on the draft Plan. Could I request that the final column of the table is expanded to set out a brief summary of the Council's response/position on the representation. This information will help to reduce the MIQs and hearing time. It would only need to be done for objections. Where relevant, the updated column should also include the reference number of the proposed change in document S-LP04 and indicate whether the change is main or minor. It would also be useful to include the name of the representor in the table.
2. Linked to the above, could the Council insert additional clarification in document S-LP04 to confirm whether the proposed changes are main or minor.
3. On completion of the above changes, could you please send me printed copies of Appendix 4 of S-EB11-02 and document S-LP04 via the Programme Officer.

Housing and employment

4. I couldn't see an up-to-date housing trajectory or five-year supply position in the examination library, based on the emerging Local Plan? It would be appreciated if the Council could either point me in the right direction - or produce new documents. The trajectory should cover all sources of supply between 2020-2039 including completions, outstanding commitments, allocations and windfall. The five-year supply statement should cover the five-year period from 2024/25, taking account of the Council's estimated Plan adoption date of mid-2024.
5. Similarly, I couldn't see an employment supply table in the evidence? It would be appreciated if the Council could point me in the right direction, or produce an up to date version. The supply figures should cover all supply sources over the Plan period including completions since 2020, outstanding commitments and allocations (including the site at Hedon Haven). It may also include spare capacity on existing employment sites, if this has been identified as a likely source of supply.
6. The Employment Land Demand Update 2022 identifies a need for about 208 hectares of employment land to support high growth employment forecasts. Does the Council have any additional evidence on the relationship between employment and housing growth and where the required labour supply will come from to support jobs growth? (as referred to in paragraph 027 in the PPG). If not, could I request that this information is provided as soon as possible. It should include estimated jobs growth, the amount of labour supply likely to arise from housing growth in the Plan, and an analysis of the relationship and how the strategy for jobs and housing will be delivered in East Riding (taking account of the updated supply figures in 4 and 5 above as well as identified requirement figures).

Infrastructure

7. The Statement of Common Ground between the Council and National Highways refers to the National Highways Humber Bridgehead Study. Could I request that the document is added to the examination library.
8. The Councils Flood Risk Background Paper refers to the East Riding Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and the Level 2 SFRA's for Goole and Hedon. Have these documents been included in the examination library? If not, could they be added.

If you have any queries regarding this note or the examination process, please do not hesitate to contact me via the Programme Officer.

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