

# SHEFFIELD PLAN EXAMINATION HEARINGS

## AGENDA

**Wednesday 26 June 2024**

**9am at Howden House, 1 Union Street, Sheffield S1 2SH**

**MATTER 3 - Housing need<sup>1</sup>**

**Overall housing need and requirement**

**Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople accommodation needs**

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Please note:

- **The earlier start time of 9am.**
- This session is timetabled for the whole day.
- Please see the Hearings Programme for a list of the participants.
- Hearing Statements by other parties and background documents produced by the Council can be viewed on the Examination website.
- If you wish to attend the hearing session to observe, please contact the Programme Officer in advance. Alternatively, the hearing sessions will be livestreamed and available to watch online.

### **OVERALL HOUSING NEED AND REQUIREMENT**

1. Inspector's introduction

#### **Key figures and policies**

2. Calculation of Local Housing Need figure based on the Standard Methodology
3. Gross and net housing requirement figures
4. Key paragraphs in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) relevant to the Council's case?

#### **Justification for setting a housing requirement which is lower than the standard methodology Local Housing Need figure and for selecting the figure of 35,530 dwellings**

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that this session will cover 'Overall housing need and requirement' and Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople needs' (issues 1 and 3 in Matter 3). 'Other housing needs' (issue 2 in Matter 3) will be dealt with on Weds 25 September.

5. What does the Council's Green Belt Review and Addendum show regarding the value and function of land in the Green Belt around the city?
6. Other reasons to protect the Green Belt and therefore restrict the overall scale of development (as referred to by the Council in Matter 3 and Matter 6 Hearing Statements)
  - Is the retention of the Green Belt necessary to help to address the climate and biodiversity emergencies and maintain Sheffield's reputation as the outdoor city?
  - Does the Council's evidence show that all sites on the edge of the city would result in unsustainable patterns of development?
  - To what degree is the retention of all Green Belt land necessary to deliver regeneration in the central area and other brownfield sites in the urban area?
  - Constraints relating to value of the landscape around the western edge of the city.
7. Housing requirement figure of 35,530 and its relationship to urban capacity
8. Relationship between housing growth, jobs growth target and employment land provision in the Plan
  - What is the Council's identified jobs growth target?
  - Jobs-led dwelling forecast and how it compares to the housing requirement in the Plan
  - How does the identified housing requirement figure and jobs growth target relate to the employment land requirement in Policy SP1 and the amount of employment land predicted to be delivered over the Plan period?
9. If Sheffield isn't meeting minimum Local Housing Need, is there a need to provide the shortfall elsewhere?
10. Any other aspects of housing need and requirement not covered above.

## **GYPSY AND TRAVELLER AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE ACCOMMODATION NEEDS**

11. Inspector's introduction

12. New Age Travellers

- What is the latest position regarding the New Age Traveller encampment at Club Mill Road?
- Is there evidence to show that New Age Travellers will continue to require accommodation in Sheffield in the future and that their needs should be taken into account in the Plan?

13. Approach to Redmires extension

- Latest position regarding progress with the application
- Option of allocating the extension site in the Plan

14. Identified needs, estimated supply and potential shortfall in the number of pitches and plots over the Plan period up to 2038/39

15. Five-year supply of pitches and plots at the date of Plan adoption

16. Identified tenure mix for Gypsy and Travellers

- Evidence in the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2019)
- Tenure mix assumed in the Council's delivery strategy in the Plan

17. Update on the review of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment

18. Approach to sifting and assessing the suitability of potential site options

- Justification for site size threshold in the initial sift (stage 2) and suitability assessment (stage 3b) and alignment with the preferred tenure mix and delivery strategy
- Have all potential site options in the Green Belt been assessed?
- Evidenced reasons for the non-availability of Council-owned land
- Why is direct access to a strategic road necessary for Gypsy and Traveller sites?

19. Should the total pitch and plot targets over the Plan period be specified in Policy SP1/Policy H1 to reflect the approach taken for general housing?

20. Other proposed modifications to Traveller wording in Policy SP1 and Policy H1, as set out in the Council's Hearing Statement.