

IMPORTANT NOTE: These notes should be read in conjunction with the Notes of the Pre-Examination Meeting held at the East Malling Conference Centre, on Thursday 8th March 2007

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Public Examination of the Tonbridge Central Action Plan and the Development Land Allocation DPD

Notes of the Pre-Examination Meeting held at the Council Offices, Kings Hill, on Tuesday 4th September 2007 at 2.00pm

Introduction

1. The Inspector, Laura Graham, introduced herself and the Programme Officer (PO), Lynette Benton.
2. Brian Gates, the Council's Chief Planner (Policy) introduced himself, and Mr Ray Dines of Kent County Council. His full teams of witnesses are set out below. Actual appearances will depend on who is needed to respond to further evidence which may be submitted. However, Mr Gates would lead on all issues.

Development-related Issues

David Keene – David Lock and Associates
Daniel Lampard – Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners
Barrie Neave, Peter Waring or Neil Gunn – Environment Agency

Transport-related Issues

Barry Olding – Chief Environmental Health Officer (Strategy)
Sharon Atkins – Bureau Veritas
Ray Dines - Kent County Highway Services
Barbara Sim and Jonathan Whittaker – Jacobs

Implementation and Monitoring

David Keene – David Lock and Associates
Ray Dines – Kent County Highway Services

Mr Gates also indicated that the Core Strategy report would go to Cabinet on the 5th September 2007 and was expected to be adopted on the 25th September.

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3. With regard to the Implementing and Monitoring matters raised by the Inspector, she indicated that she would try to deal with the issue in writing and that all correspondence would be available to the public through the Programme Officer.

Procedural Questions for the Council

4. In response to the Inspectors' questions, the Council said that all statutory procedures had been complied with. Any documents relating to these can be viewed via the PO.

Procedural matters.

5. The Inspector told the meeting that in general terms, the procedures adopted for the TCAAP and the DLA DPD examinations would be the same as those set out in the minutes of the Core Strategy PEM, which all those who have duly-made representations have received. The Inspector went on to remind the meeting that they should also have received an updated

schedule of dates for the submission of evidence under cover of a letter from the programme officer.

Matters and Issues

6. The Inspector went on to explain to the meeting that she had identified the matters and issues for the AAP which are on the Council's website and were available at the meeting. She is currently preparing the matters and issues for the DLA which will be available on the Council's website and from the Programme Officer by 13th September 2007.

Programmes

7. A very brief programme of hearings for the TCAAP was available at the meeting and will be sent out to those who have made representations to the TCAAP.
8. A draft programme for the DLADPD will be available by 18th September 2007.
9. The Inspector told the meeting that there were a number of people who had not responded to the Programme Officer's request to clarify whether they wish to appear at the hearings. **If no response has been received by 5pm on 17th September 2007, the representations will proceed in writing only.**

Questions

10. Throughout the meeting there were opportunities for questions. There was one question from Mr Roger Dunn of Hornet Engineering. He asked about the extent to which specific points in the DLADPD could be considered in the light of the Inspector's stipulation that debate on matters considered in the Core Strategy could not be re-opened. The Inspector indicated that would consider all representations made to the DLADPD, but that she has asked representors to consider whether any changes they were promoting would conflict with the provisions of the Core Strategy. As Mr Hornet made representations of support, he is welcome to amplify his comments in writing, but that it is for the Council to defend the plan at any hearings.

Close

11. There being no further questions the Inspector thanked those who had attended for coming and asked for their co-operation in meeting the procedural requirements she has set out.
12. The meeting closed at 14.25

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