

CALDERDALE LOCAL PLAN HEARINGS

AGENDA

Wednesday 14th October 2020
Virtual meeting via Zoom

MATTER 12 – SITE ASSESSMENT PROCESS : 10am

MATTER 12 – GREEN BELT AND ALLOCATION POLICIES GENERAL: 2pm

Please note:

- Separate sessions will be held in the morning and afternoon. Participants will need to log in at least half an hour before the start (e.g. by 9.30am or 1.30pm)
- Instructions for Participants on using Zoom can be viewed on the Council's website.
- Please see the Hearings Programme for a list of the participants at each session.
- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements produced by the Council and other parties relating to the session they are attending, and other relevant background documents produced by the Council. These documents can be viewed on the Examination website.
- References to questions in brackets [] are those posed by the Inspector in the Stage 2 Pre-Hearing Questions document (INS11).

MORNING SESSION 10AM

Matter 12 – Site assessment process (first part of Matter 12)

1. Inspector's opening remarks
2. Site suitability and availability
 - Hipperholme exclusion zone: what is the evidence base and is the zone justified?
 - Other comments on site suitability criteria
 - Any comments on updated evidence on site availability (as outlined in the Council's Hearing Statement HS12.1 and HS12.1 Addendum)

[please note that the issue of site viability will be dealt with at the Matter 8 hearing session on Friday 9th October PM]

3. Indicative site capacity and developable area – degree of flexibility intended in the Plan

4. Refining the site options (stage 6)
 - Taking account of the proposed higher housing requirement¹, what is the final structural outcome of the sequential ranking process for Green Belt sites? Have all suitable, available and deliverable Green Belt site options which reached stage 6 now been proposed for allocation? Which sequential priority stage was reached before the higher housing figure was attained?
 - Any other comments on stage 6
5. Sustainability Appraisal testing of rejected site options
 - Location of the evidence?
 - Council's update on Action 5 in document CC17

AFTERNOON SESSION 2PM

Matter 12 – Green Belt and allocation policies general

1. Inspector's opening remarks

Green Belt

2. Green Belt assessment process
 - Justification for the local interpretation of purpose 4 in the Green Belt Review and the Green Belt assessment of site options
 - Any other comments on the Green Belt Review or the assessment of GB purposes for the site options?
3. Comments on whether exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated in principle
4. 'Minor' changes to the Green Belt (as set out in CC48 and CC48.1)
 - Definition of minor and major?
 - Is there sufficient assessment evidence to justify the release of major areas?
5. Amount of land proposed to be released from the Green Belt and breakdown by category?

Allocation policies general

6. Mix of employment uses in Policy SD5
 - Implications of the Use Class Order changes for Policy SD5 and the allocation total in Policy SD4?
 - Proposed modification to specify the appropriate uses (as set out in the Council's Hearing Statement)

¹ As set out in the Council's consultation paper in January 2020 'Housing Requirement Update and Potential Supply' CC39.

7. Mix of uses in Policy SD6

- Implications of the Use Class Order changes
- Council's update on how the indicative B use floorspace figures and estimated number of dwellings were derived

8. Status of Appendix 1 to the Plan: proposed modifications in document CC57

9. Requiring implementation of measures in Heritage Impact Assessments: wording proposed by the Council and Historic England (in CC40)

10. Approach to flood risk

- Have the sequential test and exceptions test been met? Where is this clarified and evidenced?
- Role of FRA reports on sites LP0327 and LP0573 (as appended to the Council's Hearing Statement HS12.1)

11. Any other comments

[Please note that issues relating to the South Pennines Special Protection Area and Appendix 1 of the Plan (Question k) will be dealt with at a later hearing session, pending further Habitats Regulation Work being undertaken by the Council]