Inspector’s notes on Additional Papers (Updated 12/06/2017)

As indicated in the Introductory Notes of the Stage 3 Matters and Questions, the focus of Stage 3 will be on the plan as proposed by the Council, not the merits of any sites not allocated in the plan, nor the site selection process more generally which was discussed at Stage 2. Therefore, as detailed below, discussion of the Council’s Sustainability Appraisal and Site Selection papers will be limited at Stage 3 to any specific points relating to the individual sites listed for discussion in each Matter at Stage 3. In the event that I determine that general discussion of these papers is necessary, over and above the written representations, or that more work by the Council is needed in respect of these issues, that will take place after Stage 3.

Additional Papers

The Council will prepare and produce the following three additional papers following the Stage 2 examination sessions and in preparation for the Stage 3 sessions in accordance with the timetable set out below.

i. Legal compliance of the Sustainability Appraisal paper

- Council to publish its response by 12 June 2017
- Any party to provide their response to the Council by 23 June 2017
- Council to publish any final reply by 6 July 2017

This paper primarily relates to Stage 2, Matter 5 and, other than where it specifically concerns points of specific relevance to an individual site listed for discussion at Stage 3, will not be the subject of further, general, discussion at Stage 3. In the event that I determine that further general discussion of Sustainability Appraisal is necessary, or that more work by the Council is needed in respect of this issue, that will take place after Stage 3.

ii. Site selection paper

- The Council will publish this by 6 June 2017
- Any party to provide a response to the Council by 23 June 2017
- Council to publish any final reply by 6 July 2017

This paper primarily relates to Stage 2, Matter 6 and, other than where it specifically concerns points of specific relevance to an individual site listed for discussion at Stage 3, will not be the subject of further general discussion at Stage 3. In the event that I determine that further discussion of the issue of site selection is necessary, or that more work by the Council is needed in respect of this issue, that will take place after Stage 3.

In view of the delay in the Council submitting its Site Selection Paper the deadline for responses has been extended to 30 June 2017 and for the Council’s final reply to 13 July 2017.

The 16 June 2017 deadline for submission of Further Statements in respect of Matters 11-16 remains unchanged.

iii. Preferred option in absence of a five year supply paper

- The Council will publish this paper on 16 June 2017

Further written responses on this paper are not, currently, sought but the paper will be discussed at Stage 3, Matter 16.

The above documents will be published on the Council’s local plan examination webpage as soon as they are available.

Malcolm Rivett, Inspector – June 2017