

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Examination of Salt Cross Garden Village Area Action Plan (AAP)

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HEARING SESSION AGENDA

Matter 7 – Net Zero Carbon Development, Green Infrastructure, and Protecting and Enhancing Environmental Assets Tuesday 6 July 2021¹

Issue

Whether the policies on net zero carbon development, green infrastructure, and protecting and enhancing environmental assets are justified, effective, and consistent with national policy.

Relevant Policies – 2, 7, 9-12

Notes.

- Questions relevant to this Matter are those listed at 1-32 of the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQ)² and have been the subject of written statements.
- This agenda is an abridged version of the MIQs to indicate the specific areas that the Inspector would like to focus on in the Hearing session to assist all participants with preparation (with the relevant question number from the MIQ document also included to allow cross referencing. Other MIQs within this matter that are not on the agenda are still open for discussion at the Hearing session.

Agenda items

1. Policy 2

- Evidence and justification (**MIQ1, MIQ6, MIQ7**)
- Does the policy take an appropriate approach to applying national standards and methodologies for assessing energy demands from buildings? (**MIQ8**)
- How would the requirements relating to the provision of information, validation, and onwards monitoring and enforcement linked to the policy to be managed in practice and are they effective? (**MIQ10**)

¹ The full Hearing programme can be found here - <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/salt-cross-garden-village/salt-cross-area-action-plan-examination/>

² <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/media/2p1dbd5h/insp-2-inspector-s-matters-issues-and-questions.pdf>

2. Policy 7

- Evidence and justification (**MIQ1**)
- Clarification of whether the 50% requirement would apply to both public and private spaces? (**New MIQ**)
- Justification and deliverability of requiring achievement of a building with nature award (**MIQ16**)
- Modification proposed by the Council (**New MIQ**)

3. Policy 9

- Evidence and justification (**MIQ1**)
- Is the requirement for 25% overall net gain justified and consistent with national policy? (**MIQ18**)
- Modification proposed by the Council (**New MIQ**)

4. Policy 10

- Evidence and justification (**MIQ1**)
- Does the policy take full account of flood risk, including longer term implications? Has the latest Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (dated August 2020) been appropriately considered and relationship with Environment Agency advice? (**MIQ23**)
- Deliverability of requirements relating to water demand, waste water, and water quality. (**MIQ25**)
- Modification proposed by the Council (**New MIQ**)

5. Policy 11

- Evidence and justification (**MIQ1**)
- Have any effects on Eynsham Woods been properly considered and managed? (**MIQ5**)

6. Policy 12

- Evidence and justification (**MIQ1**)
- Does the policy, in combination with others, appropriately manage risks of physical and setting change associated with the Grade II listed buildings at City Farm? (**MIQ31**)