

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

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HEARING SESSION AGENDA

Matter 1 – Procedural and legal requirements Monday 28 June 2021¹

Issue

Whether the Council has complied with the relevant procedural and legal requirements.

Notes.

- Matters 1 -3 will be covered in turn over the course of Monday 28 June.
- Questions relevant to this Matter are those listed at 1-17 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 designed indicate the specific areas that the Inspector would like to focus on in the Hearing session. This is 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. Plan preparation

- Have legal requirements been met in terms of notifications, publication of documents, consultation and submission of documents? Does engagement with land owners and other stakeholders meet procedural and legal requirements? **MIQ1-3**

2. Sustainability Appraisal (SA)

- Overview of assessment and conclusions. **MIQ4**
- Has the methodology for the SA been appropriate? How were the 17 SA objectives included in the SA framework arrived at and are they an appropriate basis on which to assess policy options? Does the SA appropriately consider the cumulative effects of the AAP and the West Eynsham Strategic Development Area? **MIQ6**
- Have any concerns been raised about the SA and what is the Council's response to these – in particular those received from Natural England? **MIQ7**

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>

3. Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

- Overview of assessment and conclusions. **MIQ10**

4. Equality issues

- How have equality issues been addressed? **MIQ17**

5. Other matters (mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, other specific legal and procedural requirements)