



Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040

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Inspectors Agenda for Matter 1, Issue 1

Day 1 – Tuesday 10 December 2024 – Morning Session 09:30 to 1300

Whether the Council has complied with the duty to co-operate in the preparation of the Plan?

Questions 1 and 3 will be considered first and taken together with the Council asked briefly set out its response.

MIQ1. What are the strategic matters relevant to the preparation of the Plan (as defined by S33A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004)?

MIQ3. What substantial concerns have been raised in terms of compliance with the duty to co-operate?

- Unmet Housing Need (District and that arising from the relevant Housing Market Areas)
- Unmet need for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation

MIQ2. For each of these, who has the Council co-operated with during the preparation of the Plan, what form has this taken? What has been the outcome of this co-operation?

- Forums for cooperation
- Cooperation with other Local Authorities in the relevant Housing Market Areas
- Cooperation with the prescribed bodies, particularly Natural England and the Environment Agency
- Records of cooperation which set out what was discussed, and the actions agreed at the relevant forums for co-operation

MIQ4. How has the Council co-operated to establish and meet a housing need?
How specifically have development constraints influenced that co-operation, particularly water neutrality?

- Cooperation up until July 2021
- Cooperation after July 2021 and the publication of the Natural England Position Statement on Water Neutrality up until the submission of the Plan
- Key decisions made

MIQ5. In overall terms has the Council engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis in maximising the effectiveness of the preparation of the Plan?
Are the ongoing partnerships and joint working arrangements between all the relevant bodies accurately reflected in the Plan

- What does maximising effectiveness mean in the context of this Plan?
- Was the Councils engagement constructive, active and ongoing?