



Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040

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Inspectors Agenda for Matter 1, Issue 2

Day 1 – Tuesday 10 December 2024 – Afternoon Session 1400 till 1700

Whether the Council has complied with other relevant procedural and legal requirements?

Plan Preparation

MIQ1. Has the preparation of the Plan been in accordance with the Local Development Scheme in terms of its form, scope and timing?

- Time estimates for the adoption of this Plan accounting for events that might happen along the way
- Update to the LDS and details of the process/scope of the next Plan

MIQ2. In overall terms, has the preparation of the Plan complied with the Statement of Community Involvement?

Sustainability Appraisal

MIQ3. How has the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) informed the preparation of the Plan at each stage?

- Up until July 2021
- After July 2021 and the publication of the Natural England Position Statement on Water Neutrality

MIQ4. Does the SA assess all reasonable alternative spatial strategy options, levels of housing and employment need and options relating to other policies in the Plan? Where it is considered that there are no reasonable alternatives, relating to all policies in the Plan is this clearly explained?

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 - b. SA Objectives
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 - d. Spatial distribution options

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- Options Relating to Other Policies

MIQ5. Is the SA adequate and have the legal requirements of the 2004 Act and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (2012 Regulations) been met?

Habitats Regulation Assessment

MIQ6. Has the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) been undertaken in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017?

- Relationship with paragraph 11 of the National Planning Policy Framework and meeting housing needs
- Up to date evidence/other Plans
 - a. Arun Valley effects and mitigation in the Plan
 - b. Kilnwood Vale SoS Appeal decision (HDC04)
 - c. SNOWS in relation to the HRA
 - d. The timing, relevance and impact on the HRA of other relevant work being undertaken by Natural England, Southern Water and the Environment Agency

MIQ7. How has the Plan responded to potential adverse effects on the Mens Special Area of Conservation? Are any specific main modifications needed to the Plan to reflect the latest evidence? What is the latest agreed position with Natural England on this matter?

- Mitigation in the Plan

Climate Change

MIQ8. Does the Plan contribute to the mitigation, and adaptation to, climate change consistent with s19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and paragraphs 152-158 of the NPPF? Does the Plan include policies in relation to the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change? Which Policies specifically?

Equality Impact Assessment

MIQ9. Does the Equality Impact Assessment identify all relevant groups with protected characteristics? Have their needs been taken into account in preparing the Plan?

Neighbourhood Plans

MIQ10. What are the relevant made Neighbourhood Plans and their plan periods? Are any other Neighbourhood Plans in preparation and when are these expected to be made?

- Clarity in the Plan on its relationship with them

Superseded Policies

MIQ11. Is the Plan clear in identifying the policies of the existing development plan which would be superseded by the Plan consistent with Regulation 8(5) of the 2012 Regulations? Are main modifications needed to address this?

- Existing allocations in the adopted Plan

Other Matters

- Sport England representations