

P&D Scrutiny Panel – 27th July

Planning Strategy Update

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Post Hearings letter

- Post Hearings letter received by the Council in early June – sets out her initial findings.
- The letter was summarised for the Executive meeting on 4th July.
- Executive noted the content of the letter and the Inspector's request for a focused consultation on technical housing supply matters.
- The consultation is now closed having run for three weeks.
- Officers will be collating and providing comments on the responses submitted.
- All responses will then be passed on to the Inspector.

Council's Formal Response

- The Inspector has requested that the Council formally responds to the Post Hearings letter under delegated authority granted by Executive.
- The Council will be providing additional evidence to the Inspector to rebut concerns identified around Welborne start date and early delivery rates.
- Further evidence will also be provided on the ASLQ designations, to attempt to further justify the policy and the areas covered.
- Council's response will be published on our website and shared with Panel members.

Next Steps

- Following receipt of the Council's response and the outcomes of the focused consultation, the Inspector will deliberate and then, we anticipate, write to the Council recommending Main modifications to make the plan sound.
- Main modifications require consultation.
- Approval for that consultation will be sought through Executive and Council, with pre-scrutiny.
- 6 week consultation.
- Inspector then reviews consultation responses.
- Inspector provides Council with Inspector's report setting out 'soundness' changes.
- Council considers Inspector's report and considers whether to adopt the Local Plan.