DRAFT ADDITIONAL WORK SCHEDULE – LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION SUSPENSION

Four workstreams are proposed to address the concerns set out in the Inspector's Interim Views dated 6 November 2014. Each workstream will be supported by a detailed project brief and specific timetable; these are currently being prepared.

ALIGNMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & HOUSING STRATEGY

Purpose: to gather additional evidence of past rates of employment growth and the likely scale and distribution of future employment and economic growth.

Analysis of where jobs have been created – by location and sector in preceding years
Analysis of loss / gain of jobs in education, health, public sector / retailing & town centres
Analysis of future prospects for employment & economic development
Analysis of how long it has taken allocated land to be developed (e.g. survey all allocations in
previous local plans and what implications this may have for future allocations
Evaluation of LEP and other agencies' plans – explain and/or resolve mismatches where they exist
– explain the timescales involved

Consider the spatial distribution of economic potential – particularly in relation to positive & negative factors (land availability, site quality, infrastructure, Green Belt etc)

OBJECTIVELY ASSESSED NEED & HOUSING REQUIREMENT

Purpose: to obtain a revised estimate of OAN prepared in accordance with PPG advice. It is suggested that the Planning Advisory Service guidance be followed as an exemplar of 'good practice' methodology.

Review all major alternative studies

Revise demographic work

- Clarify demographic work and outputs i.e., 845, 1025 and 1180 figures (para 41)
- Reassess household formation assumption post-2021 (para 43)
- Revise economic activity assumptions
- Re-evaluate the range of migration assumptions (para 44)

Look afresh at Affordable Housing - and the relationship between need & new homes

Address market signals – both in terms of scale and location. Additional analysis of house prices, incomes, affordability and related issues.

Revise allowance for economic activity –without reference to the Council's preferred Economic Strategy

Prepare housing requirement based on OAN / Economic Strategy / Housing Strategy

UPDATED GREEN BELT ASSESSMENT

Purpose: to ensure the Green Belt Assessment is able to fully inform the allocation of land, the opportunities for adjusting Green Belt boundaries, and to properly reflect all relevant factors

Take account of the 'urban regeneration' Green Belt purpose (para 85) over a wider area (para 86) Undertake a more fine-grained analysis – involving smaller parcels Include new roads in the Assessment.

Take account of and refer to PPG guidance on Green Belts

Additional work necessary to ascertain and justify the scale of safeguarded land (89)

Reassess proposed new Green Belt in the south; consider implications for Green Gap policy

SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

Purpose: to further assess and justify the distribution of development, taking account of revised Green Belt Assessment, including consideration of further opportunities for small-scale, less intrusive additions to northern towns.

Consider options for development within northern towns

Consider windfall potential / SHLAA sites

Identify options for smaller-scale additions

Consider wider spatial distribution in the light of a revised housing requirement .

Examine build rates, housing pipeline and trajectory

Assess infrastructure and transportation implications of any additional development