

NATURAL BASINGSTOKE QUESTIONS FOR LOCAL PLAN INSPECTOR

References in Inspector's Letter 21 October 2014

1.1 Sustainability Appraisal. Will the Inspector's examination of the robustness of the SA, especially in respect of the largest greenfield site at Manydown (SS3.10), include as a key issue the soundness of the Biodiversity Assessment 2010 at Appendix 10 and 12a of the SA? Will the Inspector expect this Assessment to cover the whole of the Manydown site and not just that part that is proposed for development within this Local Plan, especially, as policies SS3.10 (m) and (n) specifically refer to areas outside the current development proposals?

3. Environmental Issues. We note the Inspector's concern over the environmental impact for sites to the east of the Borough. Will the Inspector also show similar concern for the need to build sustainable habitats for wildlife in the masterplan for site SS3.10 (Manydown)?

6.1 Level and detail of presentation. In view of the Inspector's concern that masterplans for strategic housing proposals should not be "hidden" in yet to be delivered SPDs, would he expect to see in such masterplans a green infrastructure strategy that would make detailed provision for habitats of an appropriate scale and diversity integrated into ecological networks and not just random green spaces for the new residents of housing development but for the existing residents of Basingstoke as well?

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On behalf of **Natural Basingstoke**

Natural Basingstoke is a constituted association with its own Committee representing some 15 conservation groups across the Borough. Paul Beevers is a member of the Committee.