



26th November 2014

Examination of the Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council Local Plan 2011- 2029, exploratory meeting 11th December 2014.

Comments/questions for the meeting relating to Inspectors letter dated 21st October 2014

1. Will the Inspector fully examine additional development sites not already proposed in the Submitted Local Plan ?
2. Ref. 2.1. Will the Inspector accept the basis for an annual housing figure to be Table 9 in the Edge Analytics Demographic Analysis and Forecasts [Examination Document H02] together with the other evidence on pages 25 & 26 of the Submitted Local Plan, which were determined by the Borough to produce a target figure of 748 dwellings per annum (dpa) after the Secretary of State had announced the Revocation of the South East Regional Plan (SERP) ? Or would it be the figure of 945 dpa from the revoked SERP which neither BDBC/Country Watch/ Save our Loddon Valley Environment/ Etc, believe is any longer relevant and should not become the anvil on which an annual figure is hammered out. We request that the Inspector also takes into account the letter dated 6th November 2014 from Brandon Lewis MP, Minister State for Housing and Planning and the Press Release from Maria Miller MP dated 16th November 2014.
3. Ref. 2.2(c). May we please have clarification of the terms ` policy - on' and `policy- off'.
4. Ref 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 & 4.1. We welcome the questions raised, which have been foremost in our OBJECTIONS to development on sites SS3.9 & SS3.7. Is inclusion of land beyond 2029 as in the last paragraph of Policy SS 3.9 relevant or legally acceptable ? Country Watch objected to the final two sentences of Policy SS 3.9. We also note that Thames Water are planning to submit a `planning application' early in 2015 for a new facility to be built on land at the current Sewage Treatment Works in Whitmarsh Lane with potentially 250 extra lorry movements every week.
5. Ref 3.3 What does the Inspector consider to be `an environmentally acceptable standard ?
6. Ref 6.1. We fully support the views of the Inspector, and have repeatedly asked for such information in the past prior to the Public Consultations in Oct 2013 and April 2014. The Borough Council have stated that they do not have this information therefore they have nothing to show.
7. Ref. 6.3. We interpret `Key Diagram' to be a pictorial diagram of the proposals for the total area of the Borough. Is this correct please ?

Alan Read. Chairman.