Hearing Session 1

Legal Compliance and Duty to Cooperate

16th July 2018 at 1:30pm

AGENDA

1. Inspector’s Opening Announcements

2. Opening Statement by the Council

3. Procedural Matters

**Matter 1:** Has the Plan been prepared and is its content in compliance with relevant legal requirements and national policy?

1.1. What are the relevant strategic matters in relation to the duty to cooperate?

1.2. In preparing the plan did the Council engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis with neighbouring authorities and other relevant organisations on relevant strategic matters, in respect of the Duty to Cooperate? What were the outcome of these discussions?

1.3. How has that cooperation been undertaken and have any formal agreements or Memorandum of Understandings been produced?

1.4. What outcomes have resulted from the cooperation with adjoining authorities in relation to: Housing; Gypsy and Travellers; Employment; and Infrastructure?

1.5. Has the plan been prepared in accordance with the adopted Local Development Scheme (WDLP 12)?

1.6. Has consultation on the plan been carried out in accordance with the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement (WDLP 11) and the requirements of the 2004 Act (as amended) and the 2012 Regulations?

1.7. Is the Sustainability Appraisal (WDLP 2) adequate in terms of its assessment of the likely effects of the Plan’s policies and allocations and its consideration of reasonable alternatives and have the requirements for Strategic Environmental assessment been met?

1.8. Is the Habitats Regulations Assessment (WDLP 3) robust and does the plan include the measures (including a suitable review mechanism) identified in this document as necessary to ensure compliance with the Habitats Regulations?
1.9. In light of the ‘People over Wind, Peter Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta’ judgement is the Council content that the Habitat Regulations Assessment is legally compliant?

1.10. Does the Plan include policies designed to ensure that the development and use of land in Wycombe contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change?

1.11. How does the Plan address the issue of air quality?

1.12. Does the Plan comply with all other relevant legal requirements, including those in the 2004 Act (as amended) and the 2012 Regulations?

1.13. Does the Plan provide robust mechanisms for the Monitoring and Implementation of the Plan’s Strategy?

1.14. Will the Plan be supported by Supplementary Planning Documents?

Any other matters.

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