

Timetable for information requested by PINS

Question	Anticipated timescales
<p><u>Inspectors' request 1</u></p> <p>a) What is the Council's intention regarding replacement/superseding of policies in existing plans? If saving is proposed, what is the Council's view on whether it is possible to save a policy only in part and where is the authority for this?</p>	See reply statement
<p>b) In the light of our comments above in relation to saved policies does the Council consider that the Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with the LDS?</p>	LDS updated within next 3 months subject to staff resources
<p>c) Has the Schedule of Proposed Modifications [SD1-3] been subject to any public consultation? If so, what were the dates of consultation?</p>	No – see reply statement
<p><u>Inspectors' request 2</u></p> <p>a) What were the main mechanisms that were used to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with the relevant local planning authorities and other prescribed bodies to address the strategic matters during the preparation of the Local Plan?</p>	See reply statement
<p>b) have any local planning authorities or other prescribed bodies made representations under Regulation 20, or subsequently in discussions about the Duty and development of Statements of Common Ground, that claim it has not been complied with?</p>	See reply statement
<p>c) What, if any, outstanding strategic matters are subject to ongoing discussions with any local planning authorities or other prescribed bodies and what is the latest position with regard to those?</p>	See reply statement
<p>d) A number of Statements of Common Ground have been provided in draft or with officer agreement only, while others are awaited. Have signed Statements of</p>	See reply statement

Common Ground now been secured between the Council and all relevant parties?	
e) Are there any significant concerns expressed by interested parties regarding the Duty which remain a matter of dispute?	See reply Statement
f) SD1-8a makes repeated reference to the development and agreement of strategies and plans in relation to matters such as the A5, the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Cannock Chase and RiverMease Special Areas of Conservation (SAC). What progress has been made on these strategies and plans?	The A5 strategy, Cannock Chase AoNB Business plan, Cannock Chase and River Mease MoUs and the latest financial agreements will be provided to the programme officer immediately. In respect of the River Mease SAC, the work to prepare an updated financial agreement (DCS3) or a nutrient neutrality calculator is being prepared. Consultants are anticipated to report back in November 2022 with recommendations on approach which will inform the mitigation plan, the timing of which is still to be determined. Separately a pump out solution removing significant phosphate from the Mease is planned for 2027.
g) SD1-8a refers to various memoranda of understanding and supporting documents with regard to cross-boundary strategic matters. What status do these documents have and should they be provided to the Examination?	See reply statement. The relevant documents are to be submitted to the programme officer immediately

<p>h) Please address matters a-g as part of a single further Duty to Co-operate statement</p>	<p>The updated DtC Statement will be provided to the Programme Officer immediately</p>
<p><u>Inspectors' request 3</u> a) Is there an SA non-technical summary in line with The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the SEA Regulations)?</p>	<p>See reply statement. The non-technical summary has been prepared and will be submitted to the Programme Officer immediately.</p>
<p>b) Can Appendix F – Matrix of Submission Plan Policies be amended to show the SA objectives and questions on each page so that it is possible to read the results for each policy against the SA objectives and questions?</p>	<p>See reply statement. A revised document will be provided by the consultant. It is estimated that this should be possible by the end of 2022.</p>
<p>c) Has the SA appropriately addressed employment land? In the absence of proposed employment allocations, as discussed below, is it possible to establish any likely significant effects in the short, medium and long-term?</p>	<p>See reply statement. An update to the SA to address an error in Appendix E to the SA and to provide a narrative is being addressed by the consultant in conjunction with the Council. It is anticipated these changes can be addressed by the end of 2022 subject to LDC staff resources being available to comment on the consultant's work</p>
<p>d) In the absence of strategic transport modelling, as discussed below, has the SA been able to appropriately account for any likely significant effects in relation to transport?</p>	<p>See reply statement. A traffic modelling study has been undertaken by the consultants but further more detailed work is now being undertaken in respect of specific junctions and will be submitted to the EIP when completed. The mitigation actions to addressing the modelling</p>

	findings will then need to be subject to SA. It is estimated that this further work will require a further 6 to 9 months
<u>Inspectors' request 4</u>	
a) With particular regard to the need to predict likely levels of nitrogen deposition resulting from increased airborne concentration of nitrogen oxides and ammonia, has any transport modelling and air quality analysis been completed which would feed into the HRA process? When is this likely to be carried out and completed? Does any work on air quality involve assessment in-combination with plans and projects in neighbouring authorities?	See reply statement. It is estimated that work will be completed during the next 9 – 12 months
b) What does the updated Memorandum of Understanding for the Cannock Chase SAC Partnership cover? What progress has been made in respect of financial arrangements for mitigation of visitor impact on the Cannock Chase SAC?	See reply statement. The relevant documents will be submitted to the programme officer immediately.
c) What progress has been made in mitigating water quality issues within the river catchment of the River Mease SAC, with particular regard to phosphate levels?	See reply statement and reply to 2f above.
d) Given the aforementioned questions and the time that has elapsed between the production of the HRA and submission of the Local Plan, does the HRA require updating?	Yes. It is suggested that resolution will be within the next 9 to 12 months
e) In light of the acknowledgement of further work being necessary in paragraphs 16 and 19 of the Statement of Common Ground [SD5-5] please set out what the timeline for this work is and how progress will be evidenced (for example, through updated Statements of Common Ground)?	Both LDC and Natural England have agreed to work together on this issue and to update the SoCG in the run up to the hearings part of the EIP. It is anticipated that having regard to the work being done by the Cannock Chase SAC and Mease partnerships this could be within the next 6 to 9 months subject to

	staff recruitment at LDC being successful to work with NE.
<p><u>Inspectors' request 5</u></p> <p>a) Provide a detailed calculation of LHN at 1 April 2022, along with an explanation of how it has been calculated against the methodology set out in the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). What is the reason for the Local Plan adopting the figure at April 2020, rather than 2022?</p>	See reply statement. The document will be submitted to the Programme Officer immediately.
b) Given its age, how can the HEDNA be relied upon as up to date evidence? What steps have been taken to keep the assessment under review and to consider revising, where appropriate?	LDC will ask the consultants to provide an update of the HEDNA for the examination.
c) Provide a topic paper on site selection that covers the issues set out in paragraphs 14 to 18 of this letter	It is anticipated that due to the need for LDC to recruit to vacancies, it will be prepared during the next 6 to 9 months
d) Supply any further supporting information/technical work available relating to the suitability, availability and deliverability of the proposed strategic allocations, for example, draft Masterplans, technical reports and other evidence	See statement. It is anticipated that further work may need to take 6 to 9 months due to the need to recruit to vacancies at LDC.
e) What is the anticipated housing requirement resulting from the Local Plan for each designated neighbourhood planning area?	See reply to statement. The work can be undertaken quite quickly but would be subject to staff resource being available to do the work which it is estimated could take up to 6 to 9 months to complete
f) Would at least 10% of the housing requirement be accommodated on sites no larger than one hectare? If so, how would that be achieved?	See reply to statement. The work can be undertaken quite quickly but would be subject to staff resource being available to do the

	work which it is estimated could take up to 6 to 9 months to complete.
g) Provide a table to show the net completed dwellings for each of the settlements set out in Table 7 of the Local Plan arising from data on annual completions for periods after April 2020. When is the publication of the next Authority Monitoring Report anticipated?	This information related to Table 7 is available for April 2021 and April 2022 data is anticipated to be available by the end of September 2022.
h) Provide a housing trajectory (which takes account of all sources of supply and builds on the Local Plan's Appendix A: Housing trajectory) in an Excel format	An updated for the trajectory is being readied for the end of September 2022
i) With regard to provision for Gypsies and Travellers, provide further detail to show whether there is scope for intensification of existing sites to create more pitches and to clarify what all available delivery mechanisms would consist of in order to provide a supply of specific, deliverable sites.	See reply statement. An update is required to previously undertaken work. It is anticipated this will be during the next 6 to 9 months.
<u>Inspectors' request 6</u> a) How was the figure of 85 hectares of employment land reached and where would it be accommodated? Please set this out in a topic paper on employment that includes the employment land requirement and estimated land supply relating to this Plan period (broken down by source of requirement/supply); whether the requirement and supply figures are gross hectares, or net; and a detailed breakdown of sites which will be allocated, with the expected type and mix of use classes.	See reply statement. It is anticipated that the further work may need to take 6 to 9 months due to the need to recruit to vacancies at LDC.
b) Is the Council is intending to meet any employment needs from within the wider Greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area?	See reply to statement
<u>Inspectors' request 7</u> a) The Council should produce a topic paper on Green Belt which explains the steps	See reply to statement. Due to the need for LDC to undertake staff

<p>taken by the Council prior to making the decision to allocate sites currently within the Green Belt for development, including how it has influenced decision making around site selection for housing, as discussed above. This should include reference to relevant parts of the evidence base. The topic paper should include detail on how the Council considers it has addressed paragraphs 141 – 143 of the Framework, with reference to supporting evidence.</p>	<p>recruitment, it is estimated this further work will be undertaken during the next 6 to 9 months.</p>
<p>b) Furthermore, as Burntwood is intended to contribute towards the delivery of the Council's housing requirement and the settlement appears to be tightly bounded by Green Belt, could the Council clarify if it intends the forthcoming Burntwood Area Action Plan to include Green Belt release?</p>	<p>See statement of reply</p>
<p><u>Inspectors' request 8</u> a) Is the Local Plan supported by strategic transport modelling?</p>	<p>See statement of reply</p>
<p>b) Reference is made at SD1-8a (Annex B) to the production of a Transport Assessment with Staffordshire County Council and Highways England (now National Highways). Has this been submitted to the Examination?</p>	<p>See statement of reply. The assessment modelling report will be submitted to the Examination. It is estimated that the mitigation design work will be submitted within 6 to 9 months given the need for LDC and SCC staffing resourcing available.</p>
<p>c) What consideration has been given to supporting transport infrastructure for the strategic allocations, saved previously allocated housing sites, and employment provision within the district? What will the implications of the Local Plan's spatial strategy be for the strategic road network?</p>	<p>See statement of reply</p>
<p>d) When is Staffordshire County Council's updated Integrated Transport Strategy for Lichfield expected? Have any more recent transport strategy documents been produced by Staffordshire County Council, National Highways, or any other relevant</p>	<p>See statement of reply. A new Integrated transport strategy is being prepared by SCC but may need further information to be</p>

<p>organisations? If so, should they form part of the Local Plan's evidence base? Has the Council provided relevant widerroad project work for the A5 and A38 to the Examination?</p>	<p>provided by LDC which will be contingent on staff recruitment within LDC. It is estimated that a new Integrated transport strategy could be provided by the end of 2022.</p>
<p><u>Inspectors' request 9</u></p> <p>a) The Council should provide a Gantt chart showing the delivery of overall growth over the plan period (including commitments, windfall etc). It should also show each housing, employment and mixed-use allocation and the infrastructure necessary to bring forward each site with timescales and phasing, so we are able to see when items of infrastructure are required to unlock specific development.</p>	<p>See reply statement. It is estimated the work can be prepared during the next 9 to 12 months.</p>
<p>b) What evidence is there to confirm that any likely infrastructure requirements have been taken into account in assessing the effect of policies on the viability and phasing of development?</p>	<p>See reply statement</p>
<p>c) Did the Local Plan and CIL Viability Assessment (September 2020) assess the submitted Local Plan or an earlier version of it? Does the Council consider that the Local Plan and CIL Viability Assessment is up to date?</p>	<p>See reply statement - update required this is estimated to be possible in the next 6-9 months subject to LDC recruitment to posts.</p>
<p><u>Inspectors request in conclusion</u></p> <p>a) the Council is requested to provide a timetable for the provision of all the requested information.</p>	<p>As set out in this document</p>