

MEMORANDUM

To: Head of Democratic Services

From: Cllr Mrs McCracken

Cc: Vincent Paliczka, Director, ECC
Bev Hindle, Chief Officer, Planning and Transport
Max Baker, Head of Spatial Policy

Subject: Site Allocations DPD - Matter of Urgency

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Date: 28/12/12

To Head of Democratic Services

Further to my consideration of an explanatory note and discussion with Bev Hindle on the Executive Member report on the 'Examination into the Bracknell Forest Borough Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Proposed Modifications', I can confirm in my capacity as Mayor that the proposed decision is reasonable and is a matter of urgency such that the "call in" procedure shall not apply.

Kind Regards



Cllr McCracken

Executive Member report on the 'Examination into the Bracknell Forest Borough Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Proposed Modifications'

Note on the decision and on the reasons for using the 'Not for Call-In' procedure.

The Site Allocations Development Plan Document (SADPD) is currently the subject of an examination in public. In the course of the examination, the Inspector has raised a number of issues with the Council on which he is seeking a prompt response in the form of a schedule of the Council's proposed modifications to the plan. The time normally allowed for the Council to respond would be one week from the close of the hearings which would have been December 21st.

The Inspector has accepted that this period should be extended in light of the following factors:

- The nature of the changes which require the preparation of further concept plans and mapping;
- The need to revise the housing trajectory as part of the changes; and,
- The availability of staff over the Christmas and New Year period.

The Inspector has asked for the schedule to be provided as soon as possible and has agreed to accept the Council's list of proposed modifications by 22nd January. This will allow for the schedule to be approved through the appropriate decision making process (Executive Member) but does not allow time for call-in.

Failure to provide the schedule of proposed modifications in a timely manner could lead to a lengthy delay. There will be further stages of consultation and there is likely to be a further short hearing on objections to the proposed changes. However, it is important that we move to these stages as soon as possible to prevent significant delay in the adoption of up-to-date planning policies and to avoid any detriment to effective planning in the borough. These changes, or indeed any further changes recommended by the Inspector, will need to be agreed as part of formal adoption of the document – a decision taken by Full Council.

In order to ensure that a response is provided to the Inspector in a timely manner, such that the examination process can proceed as quickly as possible, without the need for a lengthy adjournment, it is appropriate to use the 'Not for Call-In' procedure as described in paragraph 20(i) of the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules.