

## **Aberford and District Neighbourhood Development Plan Independent Examination**

### **Update Note to Independent Examiner Regarding Emerging Leeds Development Plan Documents**

The purpose of this note is to provide an update to the Independent Examiner for the Aberford and District Neighbourhood Plan (NP) on emerging Leeds Development Plan Documents (DPDs). The NP was submitted in June of 2018 and two emerging DPDs, the Leeds Site Allocations Plan (SAP) and the Leeds Core Strategy Selective Review (CSSR), have made progress since the time of the NP submission. It is intended that this update will give clarity to the Independent Examiner on the status and progress of the emerging elements of the Development Plan for Leeds.

#### **1. Leeds Site Allocations Plan**

The [Leeds Site Allocations Plan](#) was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in May 2017. The Examination commenced in October 2017 and the SAP Inspectors identified that there is a need for main modifications to be made to the plan before it can be found sound. Consultation on the proposed main modifications took place between 21<sup>st</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The Inspectors' report is anticipated in due course.

Available documents:

Leeds Site Allocations Plan, Submission Draft: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-local-plan/site-allocations-plan/submission-draft-plan>

Schedule of Main Modifications and further information relating to the consultation: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-local-plan/site-allocations-plan/proposed-main-modifications-consultation>

The Plan is at a highly advanced stage, close to adoption, and carries significant weight in the consideration of planning applications and enquiries.

#### **2. Leeds Core Strategy Selective Review**

The [Leeds Core Strategy Selective Review \(CSSR\)](#) was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in August 2019. The hearing sessions took place in February 2019. In April 2019 the Inspector issued a Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications which are considered necessary, at this stage, to ensure that the plan is sound. Consultation on the proposed main modifications will take place in May-June 2019.

Available documents:

Leeds Core Strategy Selective Review, Core Documents: <http://www.hwa.uk.com/site/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Core-Documents-List2.pdf>

Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications: <http://www.hwa.uk.com/site/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Proposed-Main-Modifications-April-2019-with-Inspector-Changes-inc-EN1-1.pdf>

The CSSR can also be given significant weight in the consideration of planning applications and enquiries at this stage.

We will continue to provide updates to the Independent Examiner as appropriate.