
St Helens Borough Local Plan 2020-2035 Examination

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Dear Ms O'Doherty

St Helens Local Plan Examination Follow Up Questions to SHBC001, SHBC002 and SHBC004

Thank you for responding to our preliminary questions in a timely manner. We have a few follow up questions:

Schedule of Draft Main Modifications (MMs)

In INSP003 we referred to the above. We asked that the schedule be in draft form in advance of the hearings, preferably published at the same time as any statements when it will become an examination document and inform discussion at the hearings. On the basis of PQ24 and PQ25 in SHBC001 we recommend that the Schedule of MMs be drawn up on the basis of a Plan period 2016-2037.

Housing Land Supply (HLS)

You agreed in SHBC001 to providing the housing land supply position at 31 March 2021 in advance of the hearings. On the basis that statements for the HLS session will be required by 28 May 2021 we would ask that such information is provided by 7 May 2021.

Policy LPD03

In SHBC002 you indicated that a lower threshold of 10 dwellings for the provision of new open space had not been assessed in terms of its impact on viability. We would ask that consideration be given to such testing in advance of the hearings and a note be published on this matter to supplement the Economic Viability Assessment (VIA001). We would ask that this be provided by the end of April 2021.

Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)

We will shortly be issuing MIQs. We would ask that the Council's responses are as concise as possible. In many cases cross-referencing to other submission and examination documents may be sufficient.

If you require any clarification on the above please let us know via the Programme Officer.

Yours sincerely

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