

Examination of the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan 2013-32

Discussion with Council

27 August 2020 at 14:00

Future Progress

AGENDA

Issue

This Examination has now been in progress for almost three years and has become one of the longest running Local Plan Examinations. At the beginning of 2018 the Inspector wrote to the Council informing it that, among other concerns, in the context of the plan's overall vision and strategy, its housing proposals were insufficient. The Inspector invited the Council to submit further sites for housing development to the Examination, along with a revised sustainability appraisal. Some two and a half years later, information addressing these concerns has still not been submitted to the Examination.

It is not appropriate for Local Plan Examinations to continue indefinitely. At some point a choice has to be made between meeting the Inspector's request or having the plan found unsound. The primary purpose of this discussion is to ascertain the difficulties that the Council are experiencing in submitting the additional information and to assess whether or not there is a prospect of the plan being modified and found sound in the near future.

1. Inspector's Introduction
2. Clarification
3. Council's approach to the way forward
4. Interim report content
5. Revised Sustainability Appraisal
6. Revised Housing Need Assessment
7. Additional Sites
8. Revised programme
9. Any other matters