

Newark & Sherwood Amended Core Strategy DPD Examination  
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POST HEARINGS NOTE

Having closed the Hearings last week, the Inspector has given some further thought to the issue around Matter 14 in particular, and the implications for progress with the Examination. While the options were helpfully discussed at the Hearings, the Inspector needs some clarification from the Council before reaching a conclusion on the best way forward. As I am sure the Council understands, Dr Murdoch's statement raises a number of important points. The Inspector has looked at the appeal decisions submitted and the commentary upon them, but the nub of Dr Murdoch's evidence to the Examination is set out in paragraphs 17 to 34.

The Council obviously accepts that there is an identified need (Dr Murdoch's paragraph 17) but the central issue seems to be the extent of that need, and whether Core Policy 4 properly addresses it. To support his stance that the need has been under-represented, Dr Murdoch makes some very strong criticisms of the Council's GTAA (paragraphs 19 to 34). Notwithstanding the (necessarily brief) discussions that took place on 2 February about them, the Inspector remains a little unclear about some aspects. To that end, a formal response from the Council to those criticisms will be necessary, and this should be submitted within 21 days. Once that response has been considered, the Inspector will be better placed to decide on the best way forward.

The Inspector will be in touch separately, and in the very near future, about some of the other issues raised by the Hearings.

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