

Email 07 September 2016 from Council to Programme Officer re Key Hubs and sites

I thought it would be useful to provide some clarity on the Council's position in relation to allocations in the Key Hubs.

At the July hearings, the Inspector requested that the Council allocate sites for housing and employment (where applicable) in Key Hubs which are not currently designated as Neighbourhood Plan Areas. It became apparent that it would not be possible to achieve this within the time available before the September hearings.

The Council wrote to the Inspector on the 17 August 2016 suggesting that the Council would prefer to produce an Allocations DPD to identify sites in the Key Hubs for housing and employment purposes.

Feedback provided on this approach suggested that it would not be considered acceptable to rely upon a DPD and that allocations should be made within the examination process and included within the Local Plan.

The Council is currently preparing a timetable to identify site allocations within the Key Hubs which we hope to present at the forthcoming hearings, we anticipate that this work will be concluded before the end of the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or assistance.

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