

Telford & Wrekin Local Plan
Examination in Public
Council's Local Plan Pre-Election Position Statement
EiP Library Ref: G19

Purpose of this note

1. The following note sets out the Council's position on the time period between now and the general election to be held on 8th June 2017 (otherwise known as 'purdah' period) and the Council's proposed timescale for progressing proposed modifications after that date.

Purdah

2. The Council indicated in its initial response to the Inspector's note dated 30th March 2017 (EiP Library Ref: F10a), that it would publish a full response on 24th April. A General Election was called on 19th of April. The Government's Code of recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity (31 March 2011) confirms that local authorities should pay particular regard to the legislation governing publicity during the period of heightened sensitivity before elections and referendums.
3. The Council has drafted its formal response to the Inspector's note dated 30th March 2017 but it contains information which, in the opinion of the Council's Monitoring Officer and Returning Officer, is significant in its effect in the context of the Code of recommended Practice. Given these circumstances, it is anticipated that the Council's response (F10b) will be published on 9th June 2017 that is the day after the General Election.

Revisiting the evidence base

In response to the Inspector's note of 30th March 2017, and in preparing the list of proposed modifications to the local plan, the Council will undertake an appraisal of the evidence base and will, where appropriate, issue an update to the relevant parts of the evidence by the 3rd July 2017. This would be carried out to ensure that the modifications proposed are soundly-based.

Proposed timetable

4. The likely timescale for matters to progress after the General Election is as follows:

| Date | Action |
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| 9 th June 2017 | Publication of the Council's response (EiP Ref: F10b) to the Inspector's note dated 30th March 2017. |
| 9 th June 2017 | Publication of examination documents K13h, K24/32c and K27c. |
| Up to 3rd July 2017 | Council compiles its reappraisal of Local Plan evidence base with reference to any proposed modifications which may be set out in the Council's response (EiP Ref:F10b) to the Inspector's note dated 30th March 2017 |
| No later than 3rd July 2017 | Publication of Council's reappraisal of Local Plan evidence base with reference to any proposed modifications which may be set out in the Council's response (EiP Ref:F10b) to the Inspector's note dated 30th March 2017 |

4th May 2017