

Telford & Wrekin Local Plan – Inspector’s Matters, Issues & Questions (MIQs)

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1. The Council thanks the inspector for providing a draft programme. The Council does not have any substantive comments on the programme but makes the following observations and requests.
2. The Council does not understand the first part of question 5.1 and would value the inspector’s advice on how we should answer this.

Are the Local Plan’s detailed requirements for new development clearly expressed and adequately justified, with particular reference to viability?

Is the Inspector asking the Council to prepare an answer that assesses each of the policies from a viability perspective only? Or is the inspector asking the Council whether the policies are clearly expressed, adequately justified and viable?

3. The Council has a query about question 6.3. Would it not be preferable to discuss the Strategic Landscapes in questions 6.1 and 6.2 and focus on Green Network in question 6.3? Officers are concerned that they will be repeating much the same evidence to questions 6.2 and 6.3.
4. The Inspector has not asked questions on some of the topics in the plan (for example, on the arts – refer policy COM2 – or telecommunications - refer policies C7 and C8) nor is there a question on the monitoring indicators. Does the inspector intend to cover these matters in the mop up part of Matter 8?
5. It is reasonable to assume that additional modifications to the Local Plan will be proposed by participants in the examination hearing sessions (including by the Council). The Council would welcome some time at the end of Matter 8 to review and agree these before the public hearings close. It may be appropriate for the programme officer to invite comments on these while the Inspector is writing up his report.

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