

London Borough of Havering

Havering Local Plan 2016 – 2031

Inspector's Initial Questions

Introduction

This note flags up some initial questions I have that would benefit from early clarification.

Housing

1. I note that the Housing Position Statement (HPS) indicates that the Council is unable to identify sufficient housing land to provide a 5 year supply. Can the Council please confirm what the position will be on adoption of the Plan?
2. I note the supply figures included in Table 5.1 and Annexes 1 and 3 of the HPS. Can the Council please direct me towards, or supply me with, a more detailed housing trajectory illustrating the expected rate of housing delivery from the various sources of supply on an annual basis to the end of the Plan period?
3. Can the Council also direct me towards, or supply me with, a housing implementation strategy of the kind required by paragraph 47 of the National Planning Policy Framework?

Gypsy and Traveller accommodation

4. What position was reached in relation to the previous Gypsy and Traveller Sites LP (GTSLP)? Please provide a copy of any correspondence setting out the Inspector's recommendations.
5. What was the level of need set out in the evidence base document used to inform the GTSLP? Does the 2018 GTAA review the previous evidence? If there is a change in the number of existing pitches and the level of need since the previous evidence, where will I find the evidence to justify this change?
Note: Whilst I appreciate that the evidence base now comprises the 2018 GTAA, the answers to these questions will inform my considerations regarding the robustness of the 2018 GTAA.
6. How has the figure of 70 pitches in the Council's proposed modifications to the LP evolved from the original figure of 33 pitches?
7. The GTAA identifies that following the enactment of the *Housing and Planning Act 2016* the assessment of the needs of gypsies and travellers must be seen in the wider context of the needs of people with respect to the provision of sites on which caravans can be stationed. Section 124 of

this Act amends section 8 of the *Housing Act 1985* and requires each local housing authority in England to consider the needs of people residing in, or resorting to, their district with respect to the provision of:

- (a) sites on which caravans can be stationed, or
- (b) places on inland waterways where houseboats can be moored.

Has such an assessment of need been undertaken and if so where can I find this?

8. The GTAA identifies the need for 2 pitches for households that do not meet the planning definition. However, the Plan states (as proposed to be modified) that the need for 102 pitches for unknown households has been identified, but that it is not possible to identify sites for this need. What is the justification for this approach? Does this take account of the need to plan for those not falling within the definition as set out above?

Compliance with the London Plan

9. The Mayor of London has raised concern regarding the proposed parking standards in Policy 24 of the Plan and compliance with the London Plan. Have any further discussions taken place? What is the Council's response to this concern and is any further action proposed?

I would be grateful for a response to the above **by Monday 6th August 2018**. This additional information will assist me in preparing the Matters, Issues and Questions which will be issued in advance of the hearing sessions.

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