Inspector’s response to Council

The Inspector and yourself will appreciate that Havering is looking to make sure that it understands the requisite further work correctly so there is clarity about the content and programme it should follow and secure.

To that end, confirmation or comment by the Inspector on the following points will be very helpful:

Havering needs to respond to the Inspector on the outstanding queries on: her queries on the Proposals Map and the LDS and the Highways England response. Response to these requested by 20 August please to allow time to finalise the MMs letter and notify MHCLG

It also needs to address the Inspector’s detailed points (nos.1-25) on Policy 11 Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. Response, setting out how the Council will take the work forward and a timescale, by Aug 21st please

The Inspector would like responses on these matters by August 21 2019. See above

Havering envisages that its responses on the Proposals Map and Highways England queries will be provided shortly. The response on the LDS matter may take a little longer. I will advise further as soon as I can. As above, if the information is received later than 20th Aug, I cannot guarantee that I will be able to issue the MMs letter before my leave

Further work by the Council on revisions to Policy 11 Gypsy and Traveller accommodation will be progressed separate to the above. Noted and agreed

Subject to the Inspector’s views on its responses on Proposals Map, Highways England and LDS, Havering notes that it should hear by letter from the inspector next week about the required main modifications. It is assumed that this will contain or repeat the specific points (nos.1-25) about revisions to Policy 11. The letter will set out all of the MMs required, but will not repeat the specific points regarding policy 11. Instead the letter will refer to my previous note.

It is noted and understood that the Inspector’s further correspondence (including commentary on proposed main modifications) on these points will be sent to MCHLG in the first instance before sending to Havering.

It is recognised by Havering (and the Inspector) that the further work on the revisions to Policy 11 Gypsy and Traveller accommodation is more substantial. Whilst every effort will be made to deliver this as soon as possible it will take longer. Accordingly, Havering will progress this ‘outside’ of the items above reflecting that it needs support / approval from a wider range of stakeholders (officers, Members, consultants and Counsel). Noted

Havering will aim to respond to the Inspector with proposed final main modifications and a further draft Policy 11 by September 17 to enable public consultation on these to follow (subject to approval by the Inspector). That will be acceptable and will allow me to review the information on return from leave. In addition to the letter that I send regarding the MMs, I will send the Council’s MMs schedule annotated with my detailed wording comments at the end of next week. The schedule should not be put on the website at that
stage as this will need to be ‘batted about’ between us until I am satisfied on the final wording. That process will also take place after my leave. Once I am satisfied with the wording, I will confirm consultation on the schedule.

Havering will assess the need for further SA work alongside the proposed modification with the intention that this will be subject of public consultation alongside the consultation on the proposed main modifications. Noted, although SA will definitely be needed on the proposed site allocations as this has not yet been done. The Council should review the need for further SA work in relation to the remainder of the MMs. The need for further HRA, including of the allocated sites, should also be assessed.