



Planning Inspectorate

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Date:

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Dear Mr Barton,

Examination of the Ealing Local Plan 2024-2039

1. Thank you for your letter dated 10 January [EX3] providing the Council's initial acknowledgment/responses to the questions in our letter of 20 December 2024 [EX2]. We are grateful for your responses and agree to your timetable for providing further evidence to address individual Initial Questions.
2. While we appreciate the Council's staffing constraints, some of the missing evidence needs to be available to move forward with the examination. In particular, the information relating to IQ4, IQ8, IQ9, IQ10, and IQ11. As such, we are unable to publish our Matters Issues and Questions, guidance notes, and draft hearings timetable until we have considered the evidence you identify as being submitted before the end of February (excluding statements of common ground). This creates a delay to the examination of at least 1 month.
3. In relation to infrastructure (including transport), thank you for your responses to IQ15 and IQ16 and your note of 17 January responding to IQ17 [EX5]. We will test the Council's position over the course of the examination, including whether there is evidence demonstrating that the Plan is sound in respect of aligning growth and infrastructure and supports a conclusion that individual site allocations can come forward in line with the anticipated time frames when regard is paid to the evidence of infrastructure needed to support delivery.
4. Regarding IQ17, it would assist the examination if the Council were to pursue a statement of common/uncommon ground with National Highways ahead of any hearings (and we ask National Highways to work actively with the Council on this).

5. We look forward to receiving the necessary evidence in due course in line with the Council's timetable. We will then take a view on proceeding and will write to you again as necessary. In the meantime, please raise any questions through the Programme Officer.
6. We are not inviting comments from any other party at this time.

Darren McCreery and Carole Dillon

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