

**EALING BOROUGH COUNCIL****Examination of the Ealing Local Plan 2024-2039 (the Plan)**

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**HEARING SESSION AGENDA****Matter 2 – Duty to Co-operate (the Duty)**

- Questions relevant to this Matter are set out in the Inspectors Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)<sup>1</sup>.
- This agenda is an abridged version of the MIQs designed to indicate the specific areas that the Inspectors would like to focus on in the Hearing session. This is to assist all participants with preparation (with the relevant question number from the MIQ document also included to allow cross referencing). Having read the hearing statements supplementary questions may be posed. Other MIQs within this matter that are not on the agenda are still open for discussion at the Hearing session under Item 4.
- Guidance on the format and taking part in the Hearing sessions can be found in the Inspectors Guidance Notes<sup>2</sup>. Participants will be assumed to have read paragraphs 25 to 37 of the notes in particular and should be aware that the hearings are focused sessions with limited time. As such, repeating statements already put to the Examination at length will not be permissible. Contributions should be succinct and to the point in the interests of making the best use of the time available and fairness to everyone.
- Any specific needs or questions about the procedure should be drawn to the attention of the Programme Officer as soon as possible.

**Issue**

Whether the Council has complied with the Duty in the preparation of the Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/8246/local\\_plan\\_miqs\\_v2](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/8246/local_plan_miqs_v2)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/8243/local\\_plan\\_guidance\\_notes](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/8243/local_plan_guidance_notes)

## **Agenda**

### **Item 1: Relevant strategic matters**

- Have all the genuinely strategic matters requiring cross boundary co-operation been identified? [**MIQ1**]

### **Item 2: Scope of Prescribed Bodies**

- Have the relevant bodies the Council is under a legal duty to co-operate with been correctly identified? [**MIQ2**]

### **Item 3: Activities and outcome cooperation discussions**

- Has any neighbouring authority or prescribed body indicated that the duty has not been complied with in relation to any strategic matter? If so, what is the Council's response? [**MIQ3**]
- How is the co-operation evidenced and is the evidence adequate? Have all Statements of Common Ground been provided, consistent with the requirements of the Framework and the associated Planning Practice Guidance? If not, why? [**MIQ4**]
- Taken as a whole, does the Council's co-operation with neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies on strategic matters with cross-boundary impacts amount to engaging constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of plan preparation? [**MIQ5**]

### **Item 4: Other points**

- Other points on duty to cooperate matters