

NOTE FOR INSPECTOR

RE: UPDATE ON WOOTTON AND ST HELEN WITHOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

21 SEPTEMBER 2018

Inspector's Request

1. The Inspector has requested the following information, as stated in his Letter to the Council dated 10 September:

“At my request the latest version of the Wootton & St Helens Without Neighbourhood Plan has been added to the examination documents. Could you set out for me (again by 21 September) the expected timetable for the submission and examination of this plan and how you see this process in relation to the adoption of the LPP2.”

Council's Response

2. The Wootton and St Helen's Without Neighbourhood Plan was formally submitted to the Council on 6th August 2018. The Council is currently considering whether the submitted plan has met the relevant legal tests in order that it can proceed to the Publication and Examination Stages. It is a basic condition of a Neighbourhood Plan that it should be in general conformity with strategic policies of Local Plans and should not undermine their strategic policies¹.
3. Whilst this process is not yet complete, it is anticipated that the plan will proceed to Publication at the start of October 2018 for a six-week statutory publication period, with Examination expected to take place during December 2018.
4. The emerging Neighbourhood Plan offers a range of positive proposals to assist with planning for the Neighbourhood Area. However, the Council does not consider that the draft Neighbourhood Plan is of direct relevance to the Examination of Local Plan 2031 Part 2.

¹ Communities and Local Government. National Planning Policy Guidance. Paragraph: 044 Reference ID: 41-044-20160519. Revision date: 19 05 2016