

Folkestone and Hythe District Core Strategy Review Examination

Inspectors' Note for resumed Hearing session on New Garden Settlement

Background

The Hearing session for part of Matter 7 (dealing with the proposed New Garden Settlement) was originally held on 5 and 6 January 2021. It was not possible to conclude that session given ongoing work and discussions between the Council and Highways England regarding implications of the proposed New Garden Settlement on the Strategic Road Network and necessary mitigation. The item on the agenda dealing with transport issues was therefore postponed.

Resumed Hearing session

The resumed Hearing session to conclude discussion on the proposed New Garden Settlement will take place on Tuesday 29 June 2021 starting at 9.30am and continue if necessary, at 9.30am on Wednesday 30 June. As with previous sessions it will be held virtually via "Zoom". Participants who took part in the original Hearing session for the New Garden Settlement will be able to attend and speak. The Programme Officer, Caroline Williams, will contact all participants with joining instructions etc. in due course.

The resumed session will cover a range of transport issues as set out on the original agenda. It will include discussion of the recently published Statement of Common Ground between the Council and Highways England and associated background information. It will also include discussion on the implications of this in terms of costs and funding, the timescale for the proposed development and its phasing, delivery and viability and potential main modifications necessary.

There will also be discussion on rail and bus services and facilities and sustainable travel issues. A more detailed agenda will be produced and circulated prior to the session.

Further written statements

There is an opportunity for participants to submit further written statements in light of the Statement of Common Ground and associated background information referred to above. These should be focussed on this recently published information and its implications and not revisit other issues or repeat previously submitted statements.

The Council is requested to submit a statement covering:

- A summary of the updated position between the Council and Highways England
- Updates on costs and funding arrangements for mitigation
- Effect on timescale and phasing of the New Garden Settlement
- Effect on viability and delivery including any revised viability assessments
- Suggested main modifications to address matters

All further statements should be submitted to the Programme Officer by no later than 5pm on Friday 18 June 2021.

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