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Examination of East Northamptonshire Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan (DPD).

Hearing Agenda - Matter A

It is not my intention that the examination of policy matters A-K should involve discussion on the merits of individual sites. I am primarily concerned with the justification and approach to areas of policy within the DPD.

(a) Do the policies in the DPD unnecessarily duplicate or overlap with national and/or regional policy and are they consistent with the Core Spatial Strategy?

(b) Is it appropriate for the RNOTP to contain a mixture of strategic , development control and site specific policies?

These questions are designed to primarily address test iv. as set out in paragraph 4.24 of (old) PPS12. Issues arising are:-

(i) *The approach to density control in Policies 2 and 10; the extent to which these policies comply (or otherwise) with PPS3 guidance. Does it add anything to CSS Policy 13?*

(ii) *Does Policy 5 add value to CSS Policy 6?*

(iii) *How does Policy 6 relate to CSS Policy 5 and Figure 9?*

(iv) *Does Policy 7 add value to CSS Policy 14?*

(v) *What does Policy 9 add to PPS25 guidance?*

(vi) *What does Policy 13 add to PPS15 guidance?*

(vii) *Policy 16 (Wind Farms) contrary to guidance (Para. 1(iii)) [GOEM]*

(viii) *Should Policy 17 give status to Parish Plans and VDS for development control decisions? (PPS7, para. 13)*

(ix) *Is Policy 18 a spatial policy?*

(x) *Does Policy 22 properly reflect the Open Space Needs Assessment? First paragraph protects all existing open space but main part only "high value". How does plan-user know what sites are of high value? Many site-specific "objections". Robust and credible evidence base? (test 7)*

(xi) *The absence of specific allocations for gypsy and traveller pitches.*

Main supplementary question – Is the Council able to provide a target and trajectory for the delivery of previously-developed land to comply with PPS3, paragraph 43-4 and Policy 9 of the CSS? *(To be considered at this hearing rather than under Matter B)*

(c) Should the Plan consider post-2021 development, given the emerging Regional Plan (to 2026)?