

Preliminary Meeting: Procedural Request for Amended Examination Timetable

SHH is concerned that the Draft Examination Timetable provides very little time for responses after the submission of certain key documents, which prejudices the ability of community groups and other IPs to participate fully in the Examination.

The Applicant's 'need' case for the Proposed Development relies principally on the provisions and status of the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan. We will not see the Local Impact Reports from the principal authorities and potentially, the draft Statements of Common Ground until D1 on 20 November 2023. Apart from brief references in their Relevant representations, this is the first time the councils will have set out the up to date position with the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan and any evidence that supports their positions. This, we would argue, is a very important aspect of the Examination.

We have also yet to see any response from the Applicant to substantive concerns raised by SHH in the Relevant Representation.

We request the ExA to:

- (i) Move D2 from 6 December 2023 to no earlier than 13 December 2023 and to move D3 from 18 December 2023 until early January 2024;
- (ii) Allow for Comments on the LIR to be submitted up until D3; and
- (iii) Move other dates in the programme back accordingly. We have noted that D6 falls on Easter Monday. The ExA is asked to move this to an appropriate later date.

We are aware that ISH2 is to consider the Principles of the Development. It seems most unlikely that all aspects of this can be covered adequately in a single hearing. SHH believes that a further ISH devoted specifically to the emerging GCLP, including NECAAP, will be necessary, which would need to be scheduled after the submission of Comments on the LIR on an appropriate date later in January 2024.

Any other timetable matters will be raised by SHH at the Preliminary Meeting.

Margaret Starkie, Chair Save Honey Hill Group

6 October 2023