NEWPORT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXAMINATION

Hearing Session 1: Development Strategy

10.00am Tuesday 1 April 2014

Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Newport, South Wales NP20 4UR

Main discussion matters

1. Plan preparation process and consultation

(i) Has the Plan preparation process met the requirements of the Delivery Agreement (DA) and associated Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)? What adjustments (if any) to the DA have been necessary along the way? Where there have been departures from the DA and CIS, what steps have been taken to ensure that the required level of community engagement has nonetheless taken place?

(ii) Was the decision to produce a revised deposit plan rather than focussed changes to the first deposit plan based on appropriate authoritative advice? Was the subsequent revised deposit and revised alternative sites consultation process made sufficiently clear to all relevant parties?

(iii) Has the Plan and its policies as now submitted for examination been subjected to sustainability appraisal (SA) including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)? Are the results of the SA/SEA process properly reflected in the completed SA/SEA of the Plan? Have the recommendations of the SA/SEA regarding allocations and proposals on sites within or partly within SSSIs and/or flooding constraints been carried forward into the Plan? If not, which allocations/proposals remain contentious in this respect, and on what basis are these allocations/proposals maintained?

(iv) Has a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Plan has been undertaken in accordance with the Habitats Directive, including consideration of any requirement for Appropriate Assessment in relation to any relevant sites?

2. Development of Plan Strategy

(i) Do the Plan Vision and Objectives articulate a clear, distinctive and coherent direction for the Plan? Does the Plan strategy align clearly with the key objectives of the Plan?
(ii) What evidence demonstrates that the Plan strategy is based upon a comprehensive and robust consideration of an available range of meaningful options?

(iii) Do the Plan Vision, Objectives and broad strategy align with (a) national planning policy guidance, including the Wales Spatial Plan; (b) the corporate objectives and plans of the local authority, including the Single Integrated Plan?

(iv) Does the Plan strategy fit with Newport’s sub-regional and regional context, including the strategies of neighbouring local planning authorities? Has there been meaningful dialogue with these neighbours concerning possible need for co-operation or a collaborative approach in relation to significant issues or policy areas covered by the Plan?

Attendees

Newport City Council
Welsh Government (244)
Newbridge Estates & John Family (Boyer Planning) (321)
Richard Herbert (Boyer Planning) (1117)
Mrs H E Murray (Boyer Planning) (1666)
Newbridge Estates Ltd (Boyer Planning) (2072)
Natural Resources Wales (3683)