

# ROSSENDALE LOCAL PLAN HEARINGS

## AGENDA – DAY 3

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 10.00am

Rossendale Borough Council, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup  
OL13 0BB

MATTER 8 – APPROACH TO SITE ALLOCATIONS AND GREEN BELT RELEASE  
MATTER 4 (PART 1) – OTHER HOUSING NEEDS: GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS AND  
TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE

Please note:

- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the issues addressed at this session. These are available on the Examination website.
- References to questions in brackets are those posed by the Inspectors in the Matters Issues and Questions (MIQs) document. This has already been circulated and can be viewed on the Examination website.
- Please see the Hearings Programme for a list of the participants at each session.

### Inspector – Katie Child

1. Inspector's opening remarks

**MATTER 8 – APPROACH TO SITE ALLOCATIONS AND GREEN BELT RELEASE**  
***Is the Plan's approach to identifying site allocations (housing, employment and mixed use) and Green Belt releases soundly based and in line with national policy? Do the allocation policies provide a clear and effective framework for growth?***

2. Green Belt Review 2016 [8j]

- Selection of sub-areas
- Assessment methodology

3. Site assessment process [8a-8f]

- Selection of site options
- Site assessment criteria
- Conclusions on site options: process, justification and alignment with the evidence base
- Site selection hierarchy
- Assessment of flood risk
- Overview

4. Other aspects of demonstrating exceptional circumstances for releasing Green Belt land for housing and employment development [8g, 8h, 8i, 8k, 8l, 8r]
  - Sustainable patterns of development
  - Optimising densities on site allocations
  - Other sources of supply
5. Other (non-allocation) changes to the Green Belt boundary
  - Proposed changes GB(Major)1, GB(Major)2, GB(Major)10 and GB(Minor)26 [8m]
  - Safeguarded land [8p]
6. Approach to Green Belt in Policy SD2
  - Openness [8n]
  - Compensatory improvements to remaining Green Belt land [8o]
7. Other general allocation matters
  - Level of detail provided on allocation sites [8s]
  - Office development on employment/mixed use allocations [8v]
8. Any other issues

**MATTER 4 (PART 1) – OTHER HOUSING NEEDS: GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE**

***Have traveller accommodation needs been satisfactorily assessed and addressed in the Plan, in line with national policy?***

9. Permanent pitch requirements and strategy [4e, 4f]
10. Establishing a strategy for gypsies and travellers in the Plan [4e, 4g]
11. Delivery of transit pitches (Futures Park) [4h]
12. Any other issues