

The Inspectors have had a limited amount of time at this stage to consider the substantial number of representations to the Councils' proposed modifications. They have therefore decided to focus on three specific issues in the hearings to be held in the first week of June. These are the objectively assessed need for new housing; the proposed joint housing trajectory; and the Green Belt Review. Many of the proposed modifications will be considered as and when specific policies or allocations/designations are the subject of hearings later in the Examinations. The Inspectors will decide, in due course, whether to hold a further hearing in relation to the issues raised in their initial conclusions regarding the overall spatial strategy of the Plans.

Programme Officer, 13 April 2016