Chelmsford Local Plan Review 2022 – 2041

Examination

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HEARING SESSION AGENDA

1 December 2026 10.00 am

MATTER 11

Inspectors' opening announcements

Issue 1 – Whether the proposed arrangements for monitoring and reviewing the Local Plan are effective, sufficiently responsive to changing circumstances, and consistent with national policy.

1.1 Does the Plan establish sufficiently clear and measurable indicators and triggers to identify under-delivery or other circumstances requiring remedial action?

1.2 Are the consequences of a monitoring trigger being reached sufficiently clear, including what action would follow and when?

1.3 Are the monitoring arrangements sufficiently robust to respond to delays or non-delivery of allocated sites, particularly where the housing trajectory relies upon strategic sites?

1.4 Does the Plan provide sufficient flexibility to maintain an adequate supply of housing if anticipated delivery does not occur?

1.5 Is the proposed timing of the review justified and effective, particularly having regard to changes in national policy and housing requirements?

1.6 Should the Plan specify circumstances in which a review would commence earlier than currently proposed?

1.7 What are the implications for the review mechanism of the Plan proceeding under the transitional arrangements while national planning policy and the standard method have changed?

1.8 Is an earlier review required to address any resulting divergence between the Plan and national policy?

1.9 Are any main modifications necessary to make the monitoring and review arrangements effective and sound?