**Examination of the Stroud District Local Plan Review Draft Hearing Programme**

**Draft issued December 2022**

(*Please note that the dates and times of sessions may change)*

WEEK 1: 7-9 March 2023

WEEK 2: 22-24 March 2023

WEEK 3: 3-5 May 2023

WEEK 4: 16-18 May 2023

WEEK 5: 23-25 May 2023 (reserved for any outstanding matters)

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| **WEEK 1: 7-9 March 2023** | | |
| **Date and time of hearing session** | | **Matters and issues** |
| **Tue 7 March 2023** | **Morning session starts at 10:00** | **Opening statement from the Inspectors followed by Council statement**  **Matter 1 Legal and procedural requirements**  Issues 1.1 and 1.2 - This session will deal with whether legal and procedural requirements have been met including the duty to cooperate. It will not cover soundness issues which will be considered under later matters.  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC  **Matter 3 Housing need and requirement**  Issue 3 - This session will consider housing need, unmet need and the housing requirement. Housing supply and provision, including the needs of specific groups, and site allocations, will be discussed at later hearing sessions.  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Matter 4 Employment need and requirement**  Issue 4 – This session will consider the employment need, any unmet needs and the requirement. Employment land supply and provision and site allocations will be discussed at later hearing sessions.  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Wed 8 March 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Matter 2 Spatial strategy and site selection methodology**  Issue 2 – This session will consider the spatial strategy, including the principle of the new settlements and other strategic allocations and the settlement hierarchy. The soundness of the site selection methodology will also be discussed. More detailed discussions on all the site allocations will occur at later hearing sessions.  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Matter 2 continued** |
| **Thu 9 March 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Focussed discussion with the Council, National Highways, Highway Authority and relevant neighbouring authorities on issues raised regarding the strategic road network (M5 junctions and A38)**  This session will be a focused discussion with specific participants as listed. This will assist the Inspectors and inform further discussions on highway and other transport related infrastructure issues at later hearing sessions, specifically on Matter 11 and the site allocations.  Participants:  Stroud District Council  National Highways  Highway Authority (Gloucestershire County Council)  South Gloucestershire Council  Other neighbouring authorities TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Focussed discussion continued (if necessary)**  **Focussed discussion on implications of the new Gloucestershire Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment (November 2022)**  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |

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| **WEEK 2: 22-24 March 2023** | | |
| **Date and time of hearing session** | | **Matters and issues** |
| **Wed 22 March 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Matter 5 New settlements at Sharpness and Wisloe**  Issue 5 – This session will consider whether the proposed new settlements are sound.  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Matter 5 continued** |
| **Thu 23 March 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Matter 11 – Infrastructure and deliverability**  Issue 11 – This session will consider whether the Plan sets out a positive strategy for infrastructure provision to meet the Plan’s development strategy. It will include discussions on transport and other infrastructure.  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Matter 11 continued** |
| **Fri 24 March 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Matter 10 Environment**  **Matter 10a Sustainable future**  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC  **Matter 10b Air quality**  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC  **Matter 10c Natural and historic environment**  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC  **Matter 10d Design**  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Matter 10 continued** |

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| **WEEK 3: 3-5 May 2023** | | |
| **Date and time of hearing session** | | **Matters and issues** |
| **Wed 3 May 2023** | **Morning session starts at 10:00** | **Matter 6 Site allocations**  **Matter 6a – General questions**  *Participants:*  Stroud District Council  Others TBC  **Matter 6b Stroud Valley**  8 sites – Local Sites Allocation Policies PS01, PS02, PS05, PS06, PS10, PS11, PS12, STR065  *Participants:*  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Matter 6b continued** |
| **Thu 4 May 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Matter 6c – Stonehouse cluster**  5 sites - Strategic Site Allocation Policies PS19a, PS20 and Local Sites Allocation Policies PS42, PS16, PS17  *Participants:*  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Matter 6d – Cam and Dursley**  4 sites – Strategic Site Allocation Policies PS24 and PS25 and Local Sites Allocation Policies PS27, PS28  *Participants:*  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Fri 5 May 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Matter 6e – Gloucester’s rural fringe**  6 sites – Strategic Site Allocation Policies PS30, G1 and G2, Employment Allocation Policies PS32, PS43 and Local Sites Allocation Policy HAR017  *Participants:*  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Matter 6f - Berkeley**  4 sites – Strategic Site Allocation Policy PS34 and Local Sites Allocation Policies PS33, BER016/017 and PS35  *Participants:*  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |

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| **WEEK 4: 16-18 May 2023** | | |
| **Date and time of hearing session** | | **Matters and issues** |
| **Tue 16 May**  **2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Matter 6g – Severn Vale**  3 sites – Local Sites Allocation Policies PS44, PS45 and PS46  *Participants:*  Stroud District Council  Others TBC  **Matter 6h – Wotton**  2 sites – Local Sites Allocation Policy PS38 and Employment Allocation Policy PS47  *Participants:*  Stroud District Council  Others TBC  **Matter 6i – Cotswold**  1 site – Local Sites Allocation Policy PS41  *Participants:*  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Matter 9 Retail provision and town centres**  Issue 9 – This session will consider whether the Plan’s approach for retail development and town centres is sound.  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Wed 17 May 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Matter 7 Housing Provision**  **Matter 7a – Housing supply**  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC  **Matter 7b – Meeting specific housing needs**  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC  **Matter 7c – Other housing policies**  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Matter 7 continued** |
| **Thu 18 May 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Matter 8 Employment provision**  Issue 8 – This session will consider whether the Plan’s approach for employment development is sound.  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC  **Matter 12 Monitoring, viability and implementation**  Issue 12 – This session will consider whether the Plan overall is deliverable, viable and capable of being effectively monitored.  Participants:  Stroud District Council  Others TBC |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Reserved for any outstanding matters** |

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| **WEEK 5: 23-25 May 2023** | | |
| **Date and time of hearing session** | | **Matters and issues** |
| **Tue 23 May 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Reserved for any outstanding matters** |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Reserved for any outstanding matters** |
| **Wed 24 May 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Reserved for any outstanding matters** |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Reserved for any outstanding matters** |
| **Thu 25 May 2023** | **Morning session starts at 09:30** | **Reserved for any outstanding matters** |
| **Afternoon session starts at 14:00** | **Reserved for any outstanding matters** |