

Welwyn-Hatfield Local Plan Examination

Stage 9 Hearing Sessions

Following the close of the consultation on the Council's submission as to "*the implications for the OAN of the 2018 Household projections for both the 2013-32 submitted plan period and the revised plan period 2016-36*", prepared on its behalf by Turleys, the Inspector has read and assessed the representations received. He considers it appropriate for a Hearing session to be held to debate certain aspects of this assessment. However, on 18 November 2020, the Council submitted a different assessment that concludes with a lower FOAHN. The Council now wishes this assessment to take preference over the one prepared by Turleys.

The Council's letter/assessment (EX215), together with a reply from the Inspector (EX216), have now been posted on the website. All respondents to the previous consultation are invited to submit further representations specifically on the Council's latest submission, if they consider it appropriate to do so.

Whilst the statutory consultation period will last until Tuesday 26 January 2021, any representations that could be submitted by 4 January would be appreciated. Because of the need to consult on the Council's changed position, it will not be possible to arrange a virtual hearing before the beginning of February 2021.

The Inspector will not be issuing issues and questions for this forthcoming hearing. All current and previous submissions will have been considered and an agenda prepared thereon to cover those items where the Inspector considers that he needs additional information or his assessment of the evidence would benefit from a discussion.

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