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Councils Response to Inspectors Question in relation to Additional Sustainability Appraisal Work

4th March 2011

Introduction

Following the announcement made by David Park, for the Council, at the outset of proceedings relating to Matter 3, the Inspector requested that the Council clarify what additional Sustainability Appraisal it intends to carry out, list the policies that this has implications for and suggest an anticipated programme for progressing the Examination.

Council's Response

- The Council has requested its Sustainability Appraisal Consultants to carry out a further SA in relation to Policy R4, to make the impact of paragraph R4.3 clearer; this paragraph specifically refers to the proposal that land previously identified for employment development at Davenport Green will be returned to the Green Belt.
- Additionally the Council has requested its Sustainability Appraisal Consultants undertake a detailed review of all the information submitted by RLAM since the Trafford Core Strategy Publication Document was published in September 2010. As part of this work, the Council's SA consultants consider it will be necessary to contact RLAM's SA experts in order to further explore areas of common ground.
- Until such time that this thorough work has been carried out and the findings reported to the Council, it is not possible to identify what, if any, further SA will be necessary and which policies this may impact upon.
- For these reasons, it is anticipated that the Council will not be in a position to provide the Inspector with an anticipated programme for progressing the Examination before the 17th March 2011.