

The Council will be asked to confirm that procedural and other matters have been addressed.

3.5 The Inspector will also seek confirmation from the LPA that the procedural and other matters have been appropriately addressed, particularly:

- *That the DPD has been prepared in accordance with the statutory procedures;*

The Core Strategy has been prepared in accordance with the statutory procedures, in particular all of the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) Regulations originally under the 2004 Regulations, but more latterly under the revised 2008 Regulations

It also meets the legal requirements as set out in PPS12 paragraph 4.50. It has been prepared in accordance with the various Local Development Schemes that have operated over the period of plan development, with the latest published in January 2009 being Core Document [CS/LDF/03] and the subsequent updated timetable published on the council's website and in the Annual Monitoring Report 08/09 published in December 2009. This timetable was due to slippage to address comments from the Government Office for London, received in March 2009, just prior to the intended date for submission and just after agreement of the 2009 Local Development Scheme. The publication and submission of the Core Strategy accord with that latter revised timetable.

The Core Strategy has been developed in compliance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement, Core Document [CS/LDF/05]. At every stage, all those on the Council's database were written to, rising from about 800 contacts at Issues and Options stage to just over 1,100 contacts at Publication Draft stage. Documents were made available at 14 locations across Westminster and on the Council's website.

The consultation undertaken is set out in detail in the Core Strategy Consultation Statements Regulation 27 and Regulation 30(1)(d)&(e) which are Core Documents [CS/CS05] and [CS/CS06] and all representations to the Publication Draft document are published in the Consultation Statement Regulation 30(1)(f), which has two volumes and are Core Document [CS/CS/07].

Compliance with all legal requirements is set out in detail in the Legal Self-Assessment for the Submission Draft which is available as Core Document [CS/EB/14].

- *That requirements for sustainability appraisal have been met;*

The requirements for sustainability appraisal have been met, and all documents associated with that appraisal are available as core documents and are Core Documents [CS/CS/08] through to [CS/CS/11].

- *That any requirements for appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations have been met before publication;*

The requirements for appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations have been met, and are included within the sustainability appraisal documentation.

- *That the regional body has confirmed general conformity with the RSS, or, in London, that the Mayor has indicated general conformity with the London Plan (note - the Inspector is entitled to take his/her own view on conformity); and*

The Mayor of London has confirmed general conformity with the London Plan in all matters except waste.

The council has set out its position on waste in the Core Strategy, the Technical Paper 1: Waste, which is Core Document [CS/EB/09], and most recently in response to the Inspector's Note of 25th May 2010, the Council has published a note on the 11th June setting out its position on waste, which is available on the council's website on the Examination in Public webpage.

The council believes that these issues can be overcome, and that an appropriate plan of action is in place to do so.

- *That a list of core documents, providing the evidence base, has been drawn up and is available for inspection both on-line (wherever possible) and in paper form.*

A list of Core Documents has been drawn up and was published at Submission stage. It is also available on the Council's website.

The Council's webpage for the Examination in Public is kept up-to-date with all relevant information, including notes from the Inspector and the most up-to-date timetable and matters.

This webpage is www.westminster.gov.uk/ldf/examination-in-public/ or by doing a Google search for Westminster Examination in Public.

I can confirm that the Submission Draft Core Strategy as submitted to the Secretary of State on the 12th April 2010 is the starting point for the Examination.