



Examination of the Merton Local Plan Inspectors' Note on Site Visits

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Site Wi3: All England Lawn Tennis Club

1. At the hearing sessions in June, we indicated that we were minded to conduct another visit to site allocation Wi3. We agreed with representatives of the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) that the visit would be conducted on an accompanied basis, with representatives of the Council and AELTC also in attendance to facilitate access to private land. AELTC stated that interested parties would also be able to attend any site visit and several people indicated their wish to do so at the hearings.
2. In the interests of the efficiency of the proceedings, and to facilitate discussion at the resumed session relating to this site during phase 2 of the hearings, we have sought to arrange a site visit during September. To this end, we have scheduled the visit for **20 September 2022** commencing at **9am**.
3. To aid effective and timely conduct of the site visit, we would request that, aside from AELTC, other organisations who wish to attend (including the Council) should nominate only one representative to do so.
4. Those organisations wishing to take part in the site visit should communicate their intentions, and the name of the representative who will be attending, to the Programme Officer by no later than close of business on **Tuesday 13 September** so that appropriate security arrangements can be made to access relevant parts of the site. Joining instructions, and any other relevant information will then be communicated to attendees in due course.

SITE Mi14: United Westminster Schools Site, Tamworth Lane, Mitcham

5. Given limited visibility from publicly accessible viewpoints, we consider access to the Mi14 site to be necessary to assist the examination. However, as we are not aware that any participants wish to accompany us to this site, we currently intend to conduct the visit on an 'access required' basis, i.e. where the relevant site owners give permission for Inspectors to enter private land to conduct inspections. In the case of such visits, if the owner's or their agent's presence is needed at the site it will be required solely to

provide access – and no substantive discussion of the allocation or the soundness of the Local Plan more generally will take place.

6. Any participants wishing to attend the visit to Site Mi14, which is likely to take place on the afternoon of 20 September 2022, should contact the Programme Officer by no later than close of business on **Tuesday 13 September**. As with the Wi3 site, no more than one representative per organisation should attend if an accompanied site visit should prove to be necessary.

Site Visits – General principles

7. We remind participants that the purpose of site visits is solely to enable sites and their surroundings to be viewed by the Inspector/s. Such visits do not therefore provide opportunities for anyone present to discuss the merits of allocations or the soundness of the Local Plan more generally with the Inspector/s. The hearing sessions in October will instead provide an appropriate forum and ample opportunity for further substantive discussions of these matters.

Conclusion

8. Any questions on the above should be directed to the Programme Officer in the first instance.

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