

Examination of West Berkshire Local Plan 2022-2039

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IN32: Proposed allocations TIL13 Pincents Lane, Tilehurst

On 21 August 2024 I published a note setting out arrangements for further hearing sessions to be held on 1, 2 and 3 October to discuss some modifications to the Plan proposed by the Council in response to action points I had issued since the last hearing session in June¹. I invited written statements to be submitted to the Programme Officer by 6 September. The statements submitted by that date were published on the examination website on 10 September.

One of the proposed modifications that I published questions about and will discuss at the further hearing session on Wednesday 2 October is the proposed additional allocation TIL13 Pincents Lane, Tilehurst (138 dwellings)². A number of statements received by 6 September referred to that proposed allocation, including one by Olivia Bailey MP and Cllr Clive Taylor.

Since 6 September, the Programme Officer has received numerous emails from local residents concerned about the proposed allocation TIL13. Despite them being submitted after the deadline I had set, I have decided to accept these representations and consider the issues they raise at the hearing session on 2 October. That is because, in the interests of a fair and efficient examination, I wish to consider those issues thoroughly before I finalise the schedule of proposed modifications for public consultation.

All of the representations about proposed allocation TIL13 have now been published on the examination website³. In order to inform the discussions at the hearing session on 2 October, the Council is requested to consider the representations and prepare a brief note summarising the main issues raised and its response to each by **Wednesday 25 September 2024**.

I will not be able to consider any further representations made about this matter received after 5pm today at the hearing on 2 October. However, there will

¹ IN31.

² IN31 SQ7.17.

³ Matter 7.17 – TIL 13 Pincents Lane Additional Submissions.

be a full public consultation about all of the main modifications that I decide are necessary before the end of the examination and I will consider all representations made at that stage before I finalise my report.

William Fieldhouse

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