## Update from the Inspector 20 July 2020

The Council indicated when submitting the Plan for examination that a number of topic papers were in preparation. Topic papers on the Green Belt, Housing (including an Addendum document), Viability and an update on the Sustainability Appraisal's consideration of alternatives have now been submitted and are published today. Please note that they are **for information only** at this stage; however, representors will have the opportunity to comment on them when I invite written responses to my Issues and Questions document in due course.

Later this month I will set out a number of initial queries to the Council about the Plan and its evidence base. Following receipt of the Council's response to these queries and in the light of my initial consideration of the Plan, I will set out a programme for the remainder of the examination, including indicative dates for hearing sessions, publication of my Issues and Questions document and deadlines for any written responses to my Issues and Questions. I will also provide a Guidance Note outlining the procedures that will be followed in the examination.

It is likely that hearing sessions will be `virtual' rather than face-to-face events in Wyre Forest House and that they will commence around late Autumn. At least 6 weeks' notice of the commencement date for the hearings will be given, along with details about how participation in virtual hearings will be arranged.

Any questions about the examination should be directed in the first instance to the Programme Officer.

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