

PLAN E - EPSOM TOWN CENTRE AREA ACTION PLAN
Examination of the Submission Development Plan Document

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Dear Mr Jakubczyk,

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The Inspector, Mrs Gregory, has asked me to write to the Council to obtain clarification on the following matter.

As you will be aware the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government announced the revocation of Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS) with immediate effect on 6 July 2010. You will no doubt also have seen the letter from the CLG Chief Planner and guidance that he gives in questions and answer advice also dated 6 July 2010.

Mrs Gregory notes the references to the South East Plan RSS in Plan E. She also notes that the South East Partnership Board on 12 March 2010 confirmed that Plan E is in general conformity with the South East Plan. She has also seen the links to the RSS in the Council's Core Strategy, which is to be read in conjunction with Plan E.

Mrs Gregory wishes to know what the Council sees as the consequences, if any, of the RSS revocation, and whether the Council wishes to proceed on the basis of the submitted plan. As a minimum Mrs Gregory envisages that some changes to the explanatory text would be helpful to assist clarity and would ask the Council to consider suitable possible wording. If the Council wished to make significant changes, which changed the scale of development envisaged in the plan, she would need to review how the Examination should proceed.

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The Pre-Hearing Meeting is scheduled for 5 August and Mrs Gregory is currently setting the draft agendas for the Hearing sessions to be sent out prior to that meeting. She wishes to hear from the Council as to its approach to this matter at least a week before that meeting to enable participants to be informed in good time.

Yours Sincerely,

John Leslie
Programme Officer