

REVOCATION OF YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER REGIONAL STRATEGY

1. On 29 January 2013 the Government laid an Order in Parliament to revoke the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Strategy. The Order will come into force on 22 February 2013, from which date the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Strategy will no longer be part of the development plan. For further information see the Ministerial Statement on the Parliamentary website, as follows:

http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-vote-office/January_2013/29-1-13/1.DCLG-Abolition-Regional-Planning-Yorkshire.pdf

2. The final hearing session for the Selby District Core Strategy Examination is due to take place on Wednesday 27 February 2013. Clearly by this date the development plan will have changed. In these circumstances, it is important that the Council and all representors are given the opportunity to comment on the implications of revocation for the published Core Strategy.

3. I have discussed with the Council (through the Programme Officer) how best to proceed. Both the Council and I are keen to avoid any further delays to this already lengthy examination. The Council shares my view that there should be sufficient time prior to the hearing on 27 February for all parties to submit written comments on the implications of the Regional Strategy revocation. These representations could then be discussed at the programmed hearing – if necessary, running over to 28 February (which has been kept in reserve).

4. **Accordingly, if you wish to make a representation on matters in the Selby District Core Strategy which you consider will be affected by revocation of the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Strategy, please submit your comments to the Programme Officer by 5.00pm on Friday 22 February 2013.** This deadline relates to the receipt of both electronic and paper copies. If you consider that further changes to the Core Strategy are necessary as a result of revocation, the detailed wording of such changes should be clearly set out.

5. **It is important that all representations are confined to this one topic** – this is not an opportunity to introduce new arguments or repeat matters already discussed, and any submissions which attempt to do so will not be accepted. **Respondents should indicate whether they are content for their comments to be dealt with in writing or whether they consider it essential for the matter to be discussed at a hearing.**

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6. The published timetable for the remainder of the Examination indicates my intention to send out on 15 February an Agenda for the final hearing session. Whilst I still intend to do this, it will be a *provisional* Agenda that may be subject to change in light of the representations subsequently received. I hope to distribute a final Agenda by email on Tuesday 26 February, once I have considered the responses to Regional Strategy revocation.

7. Any comments on the matters in this Note, including requests from representors wishing to participate in any hearing session(s) dealing with revocation, should be sent to the Programme Officer as soon as possible.

Martin Pike

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30 January 2013