



Examination of the Rutland County Council Local Plan 2018 – 2036

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By email

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Dear Mr Ranson

Inspector's Letter to the Council

1. As you will be aware, I have been appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the examination of the Rutland County Council Local Plan 2018 - 2036 (the Plan). Since receiving the Plan, accompanying evidence and representations, I have been undertaking my initial appraisal of the Plan and other submitted documents.
2. It was my intention to issue my initial letter to the Council and documents setting out my Matters, Issues and Questions and other supporting information this week. However, this has now been overtaken by a significant development in the form of the decision reached at this week's Full Council meeting not to accept the £29.4 million Housing Infrastructure Funding for infrastructure provision to support the delivery of the St George's garden village at the existing St George's Barracks site.
3. I understand that the Council is currently considering its position regarding the implications of the Full Council decision for the Local Plan Examination process.

4. In order to avoid wasted time and expense to the Council and other participants, it is not sensible for the Examination process to progress further at this stage without a clear understanding of the potential implications of this significant development for the Examination.
5. I would be grateful therefore if the Council could confirm its intentions for the Examination. In the first instance, it would be helpful if the Council could provide me with an indicative timescale for confirming its intentions.
6. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the Programme Officer. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Gilbert

INSPECTOR