

EXAMINATION OF THE LONDON SOUTHEND AIRPORT AND ENVIRONS JOINT AREA ACTION PLAN (JAAP)

INSPECTOR'S INITIAL QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCILS REGARDING LEGAL COMPLIANCE

I have some initial questions of the Councils regarding the legal compliance of the JAAP. These relate solely to this matter rather than to soundness.

The questions are:

- i) Has the JAAP been prepared in accordance with the Local Development Schemes? Have the Local Development Schemes been updated to reflect the latest timeline information?
- ii) Has the preparation of the JAAP had regard to national policy and guidance, the Sustainable Community Strategies and any other Local Plan?
- iii) Has the preparation of the JAAP had regard to the resources likely to be available in implementation?
- iv) Has the preparation of the JAAP been in general accordance with the Statements of Community Involvement and public consultation requirements?
- v) Has the JAAP been subject to satisfactory Sustainability Appraisal?
- vi) Has a Habitats Regulations Assessment been prepared and has it been approved by Natural England?
- vii) Have all other relevant legal obligations been met in the preparation of the JAAP?

It would be helpful if a short note were prepared not only giving a direct answer to the question but also providing any further explanation or links to relevant documents. This is to assist representors as well as myself and should be treated as an opportunity for the Councils to 'double check' that they are satisfied that relevant legal requirements have been met. The note should be sent to the Programme Officer by **Friday 14 March 2014** and posted on the examination website.

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12 February 2014