**TORBAY LOCAL PLAN**

**A landscape for success**

**The Plan for Torbay – 2012 to 2032 and beyond**

SUBMISSION PLAN

**EXAMINATION BRIEFING NOTE TC3 Uncompleted (*“ongoing\**) Submission Documents**

Torbay Council – 17 November 2014

**BACKGROUND**

In the week commencing 17 November, preceding the start of the Local Plan Hearing Sessions on Tuesday 18 November 2014, a small number of documents comprising the Council’s Schedule of Submission Documents remain uncompleted. An update of progress on these documents is set out below.

**CURRENT POSITION**

**SD26: Torbay Council response to representations by Natural England (July 2014 – *ongoing\**)**

Discussions between the Council and Natural England were being finalised on 17 November but a final decision on the resolution of NE representations had yet to be reached. A separate Examination Briefing Note will be prepared as soon as possible.

**SD48: Torbay Playing Pitch Strategy (2014 *ongoing\**)**

**SD49: Torbay Sports Facilities Strategy (2014 *ongoing\**)**

These two Strategies have been in preparation during 2013 and 2014, with work being carried out by appointed consultants in liaison with the Council’s Residents and Visitor Services Business Unit. Throughout this process, Spatial Planning officers have been involved in a wide range of meetings, workshops and drafting sessions. The two documents are due to be presented to the Council for adoption at its meeting on 4 December 2014, but at present are not yet in the public domain.

The Council drafted the Proposed Submission Plan in parallel with, and with reference to, these two emerging Strategies. It believes that the Plan’s relevant policies and proposals (in particular Policy SC2, in the context of SS9 and SC1) are broadly consistent with the evidence and proposals arising from the two Strategies.

**SD51: Devon-wide Traveller Accommodation Assessment (RRR, 2014 *ongoing\**)**

The need for this study has been the subject of discussion throughout 2013 in the context of the Council’s Duty to Cooperate. Delays in agreement on its scope and the level of involvement of individual Districts has resulted in a corresponding delay in the tendering for and commissioning of suitable consultants. This work is however now well under way and a draft report is expected to be completed by the end of November 2014. Subject to receipt and consideration of any suggested amendments, the appointed consultants anticipate that a final report will be provided by the end of January 2015.

The Examination Inspector will be aware that in the interim, the Council carried out its own ‘in house’ study (see SD 52) in order to provide the evidence necessary to underpin the Proposed Submission Plan Policy (see Policy H5). The Council’s Submission Document SD52 ‘Review of the demand for gypsy and traveller accommodation in Torbay’ was submitted to the consultants carrying out the Devon-wide study in April 2014 to assist the research being carried out.

At the present time, therefore, the Council is not able to advise the Inspector further on the outcomes of this Devon-wide Assessment.