

Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City Aligned Core Strategies – Public Examination

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Dear Miss Soubry

Examination of the Greater Nottingham – Broxtowe Borough, Gedling Borough and Nottingham City - Aligned Core Strategies (ACS)

Thank you for your letter of 26th November.

A number of residents of Toton have written to me to indicate that they have missed the opportunity to express their opposition to the planned strategic site at Toton. I have asked the Programme Officer to investigate whether we omitted people from our lists when informing them that the Examination was beginning and a Pre-Hearing Meeting was to be held in July. So far, we have found no omissions.

However, I am waiting to hear from the Councils about additional work on the ACS before making a decision as to whether or not additional hearing sessions will be needed, and if they are, the extent of those hearings. I am also investigating further why the residents of Toton are writing to me at this late stage and, if there is evidence that the Examination process has not treated them in a fair and even-handed way, then I will take action to remedy the situation.

I have read all the representations made to the Councils in February and March 2013, in respect of the proposed change to the ACS to include land in the vicinity of the proposed HS2 station. It is unnecessary for everyone who made an objection to the plan then to come along and address the hearing sessions. Many people prefer to rely on their written representations, and all representations are given equal weight. My conclusions are reached on grounds of planning merits and not on the basis of how many people spoke at the hearings.

In my Matters, Issues and Questions, I asked for further information on all the sites and locations which were mentioned in the ACS, including Toton and the Boots/Severn Trent site. Both were also discussed at the hearing sessions. The timing and delivery of the latter was addressed under Matter 4. When Broxtowe and site specific matters were discussed at the hearings, I sought views on any other possible housing sites which could be included in the ACS (see Matter 8 agenda). The five year housing land supply was also aired at more than one hearing session and it was necessary to request some additional written evidence from those who had raised the specific issue in their initial representations. None of these parties, or importantly the Councils, were dissatisfied with the time available to respond.

Yours sincerely

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