Matter 28 - Green Belt Boundary Review

At the EiP Matter Session 28 – The Bristol East Fringe the Inspector asked for further clarification from the Council as to how future Green Belt boundaries would be considered in the Core Strategy.

The Council drew the Inspector’s attention to Policy CS5 criteria 7 and the final sentence of Policy CS15 as set out in Examination Library ref CE8. These provide policy provisions relating to non strategic changes to green Belt (CS5 criteria 7) and the ten year review mechanism (CS15 last sentence).

In response the Inspector asked the Council to make explicit that Green Belt will be reviewed as part of any ten year review of the Core Strategy and to suggest an appropriate form of words for his consideration.

The following text is suggested to be added at the end of paragraph 10.6bii of Policy CS15 (Examination Library ref CE8)

*This will involve reviewing the general extent of the Green Belt. This will enable, should the further release of land for development prove necessary, land currently within the Green Belt to be assessed against other reasonable alternatives.*

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