

Examination in Public into the Deposit Draft Revision (Submission Draft)

North East Regional Spatial Strategy

Preliminary List of Matters and Participants

The Examination in Public of the Deposit Draft revision (Submission Draft) of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the North East will be held at the Swallow Hotel, High West Street, Gateshead, commencing on Tuesday, 7 March 2006 at 10.00am. The Examination is expected to last for around five weeks.

The First Secretary of State has appointed an independent Panel to conduct the Examination. The Panel consists of Jim Parke, BSc (Hons) Geography, MRTPI as Chair, and Peter Beasley, DipTP, DipLD, MRTPI a Member of the Planning Inspectorate. The Panel will report its findings and recommendations to the First Secretary of State.

The public consultation period for the Deposit Draft revision (Submission Draft) closed on Wednesday, 5 October 2005. The Panel has examined and considered all the representations made and has now published a proposed timetable, a preliminary list of matters to be discussed at the Examination, together with a preliminary list of the individuals or agencies to be invited to participate in these discussions. All those who have been invited to participate will be contacted individually. The Preliminary List of Matters and Participants, together with all representations received are available for inspection at the following address:

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Please telephone the Panel Assistant to arrange an inspection time. A copy of the proposed timetable, Preliminary List of Matters and Participants (but not copies of the representations) is also available for inspection during normal office opening hours at the North East Assembly Offices and any of the Local Planning Authorities and County Councils in the North East Region. Alternatively a copy may also be obtained from the above address and can be downloaded from the EiP website.

Any person wishing to comment on the Preliminary List of Matters and Participants (including representations to the effect that other matters should be discussed and/or that other persons/organisations should be invited) should do so by writing to the Panel Secretary at the address given above. Comments must arrive by no later than 5.00 pm Friday 9 December 2005.

A First Preliminary Meeting will be held in the Swallow Hotel, High West Street, Gateshead at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 13 December 2005. One of the purposes of the Meeting is to explain how the Examination will be conducted. A Second Preliminary Meeting will also be held in the Swallow Hotel, High West Street, Gateshead at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 31 January 2005. The meetings are open to the public.

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