

DEVELOPMENT PLAN - TIMETABLING OF INQUIRIES BASED ON TWO STAGE SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS

[Request for Public Inquiry = R]

<u>Week</u>	<u>Event</u>
R – 20	Close of period for receipt of objections, acknowledgement and classification of objections.
R - 12 ¹	PS indicates when it expects to forward formal request to conduct inquiry.
R	Receipt of formal request to conduct inquiry including all relevant background papers etc (see Annex A) including notification of the committed date when statements on strategic / general issues available and an indicative date when statements on site specific matters available.
R + 6 ²	Notification by PS of any delay in the committed date for availability of statements on strategic/general issues by no later than this week.
R + 8	Notification by PAC of dates of first pre-inquiry meeting, second pre-inquiry meeting to parties, (for simultaneous exchange of submissions on strategic/general issues) commencement date of inquiry for strategic/general issues (based on PS committed date) and dispatch of questionnaires to objectors.
R + 11 ³	PAC receives PS copies and classification of counter-objections in accordance with Annex A (points 8 and 9) by no later than this week and the PAC subsequently notifies counter-objectors of arrangements as set out under R + 8.
R + 16	First pre-inquiry meeting to consider procedures, set out preliminary timetable for hearing strategic/general issues and discuss broad timetable for hearing site-specific objections.
R + 22	Notification by PS of the committed date for availability of statements on site-specific matters.
R + 29 ⁴	Notification by PS of any delay in the committed date for availability of statements on site specific matters by no later than this week.
R + 30	Second pre-inquiry meeting for simultaneous exchange of statements on strategic/general issues, announcing date for simultaneous exchange of statements on site specific matters and setting out preliminary timetable for hearing these matters.
R + 36 ⁵	Inquiry commences for consideration of strategic/general issues with WR responses on these issues submitted to PAC by no later than the last working day before the Inquiry opens.

- R + 41** Inquiry adjourns following hearing of strategic/general issues.
- R + 46** Third pre-inquiry meeting for simultaneous exchange of site-specific statements and confirmation of timetable for hearing these matters.
- R + 51⁵** Inquiries re-open to hear site-specific issues using parallel sessions with WR responses on these issues submitted to PAC by no later than the last working day before the Inquiry re-opens.
- R + 67** Inquiry closes and appointed Commissioner(s) announces indicative date for receipt of PAC report by PS.

Notes

- ¹ This is the minimum period PAC needs to ensure appointed Commissioners have a period free from normal allocations to prepare for the first pre-inquiry meeting. PAC should be alerted immediately to any delays in the date of the expected request and certainly by no later than Week R-4 to enable other work to be re-directed to appointed Commissioners before the first pre-inquiry meeting.
- ² PS to monitor progress on preparation of statements on strategic/general issues weekly and immediately alert PAC in writing of any delay in the committed date for their availability to enable notification of arrangements (R+8) to proceed or, alternatively, other work to be re-allocated to appointed Commissioners. Indication of inability to meet the committed date after Week R+6 will not result in revision of arrangements but rather the process will continue on the basis of Note 4.
- ³ PS to monitor progress of the counter-objection process weekly and immediately alert PAC in writing of any delay in their delivery to the PAC beyond Week R + 11. If counter-objections are not received by the PAC by Week R + 11 the process will be suspended, other work will be allocated to Commissioners and arrangements for the inquiry will be revised following eventual receipt of the counter-objections.
- ⁴ PS to monitor progress on preparation of statements on site specific matters weekly and immediately alert PAC in writing of any delay in the committed date for their availability to enable other work to be allocated to appointed Commissioners not involved in report preparation on strategic / general issues. Indication of inability to meet the committed date after Week R+29 will not result in a revision of arrangements but rather the process will continue on the basis of Note 5.
- ⁵ The inquiry will open or re-open on these dates, irrespective of whether parties have met the timetable for the exchange of statements (ie, similar to current planning appeal procedures).

General

1. The timetable is based on estimates for the dADAP inquiry and figures for weeks are likely to vary from inquiry to inquiry depending on volume / complexity of objections, mix of inquiry procedures followed and opportunities for parallel sessions.
2. The timetable is based on the assumption that both PS and PAC have the necessary resources.
3. In larger inquiries such as BMAP more than two-stages for simultaneous exchange of submissions may be employed.
4. The timetable will be reviewed in the light of experience following the end of the public inquiries into the draft MAP and draft BMAP.

Agreed by the Planning Appeals Commission and the Planning Service in February 2006.