

Appeal Reference: APP/N1920/W/23/3314268

Land at Little Bushey Lane, Bushey

Draft Programme v6

Due to issues relating to provision of a sequential test in respect of flood risk, the Inquiry will sit in phases during May, June and July 2023 with the May sitting days in person and the June and July sitting days taking place virtually. All timings and session content are indicative. Further programmes will be issued during the Inquiry to reflect progress.

Draft Programme v6 amends the programme for 29 June and later sitting dates to reflect the procedure for hearing evidence on the sequential test.

Day 1 – Wednesday 3 May 2023

Session 1

- Inspector's opening
- Appellant's opening submissions
- Council's opening submissions
- Interested parties

Session 2

- Question and answer session on highways and ecology

Sessions 3 and 4

- Evidence in chief for Council's Green Belt and landscape witness, Peter Radmall
- Cross-examination of Council's Green Belt and landscape witness, Peter Radmall
- Re-examination of Council's Green Belt and landscape witness, Peter Radmall

Day 2 – Thursday 4 May 2023

Session 5

- Evidence in chief for Appellant’s Green Belt and landscape witness, Patrick Clark

Session 6

- Cross-examination of Appellant’s Green Belt and landscape witness, Patrick Clark

Session 7

- Cross-examination of Appellant’s Green Belt and landscape witness, Patrick Clark
- Re-examination of Appellant’s Green Belt and landscape witness, Patrick Clark

Day 3 – Tuesday 16 May 2023

Session 8

- Round table session on affordable housing

Session 9

- Round table session on self-build and custom housebuilding

Session 10

- Round table session on housing land supply

Session 11

- Continuation of round table session on housing land supply (if required)

Day 4 – Wednesday 17 May 2023

Session 12 and Session 13

- Initial round table discussion on planning obligations and conditions
- Site visit (Accompanied by representatives of the parties)

Day 5 – Thursday 29 June 2023

Session 14 (0930 – 1100)

- Interested parties
- Evidence in chief for Council’s sequential test witness, Katherine Waters
- Cross-examination of Council’s sequential test witness, Katherine Waters

Session 15 (1115 – 1245)

- Cross-examination of Council’s sequential test witness, Katherine Waters
- Questions of Council’s sequential test witness, Katherine Waters
- Re-examination of Council’s sequential test witness, Katherine Waters

Session 16 (1330 – 1500)

- Evidence in chief for Appellant’s sequential test witness, Caroline Featherston
- Cross-examination of the Appellant’s sequential test witness, Caroline Featherston

Session 17 (1515 – 1645)

- Cross-examination of the Appellant’s sequential test witness, Caroline Featherston
- Questions of Appellant’s sequential test witness, Caroline Featherston
- Re-examination of Appellant’s sequential test witness, Caroline Featherston

Day 6 – Friday 30 June 2023

Session 18 (0930 – 1100)

- Round table discussion on sequential test sites in Hertsmere

Session 19 (1115 – 1245)

- Evidence in chief for Council's planning witness, Georgia O'Brien
- Cross-examination of Council's planning witness, Georgia O'Brien

Session 20 (1330 – 1500)

- Cross-examination of Council's planning witness, Georgia O'Brien

Session 21 (1515 – 1645)

- Cross-examination of Council's planning witness, Georgia O'Brien
- Questions of Council's planning witness, Georgia O'Brien
- Re-examination of Council's planning witness, Georgia O'Brien

Day 7 – Wednesday 5 July 2023**Session 22 (0930 – 1100)**

- Evidence in chief for Appellant's planning witness, Kathryn Ventham

Session 23 (1115 – 1245)

- Cross-examination of Appellant's planning witness, Kathryn Ventham

Session 24 (1330 – 1500)

- Cross-examination of Appellant's planning witness, Kathryn Ventham
- Questions of Appellant's planning witness, Kathryn Ventham
- Re-examination of Appellant's planning witness, Kathryn Ventham

Session 25 (1515 – 1645)

- Second round table session on conditions and planning obligations

No sitting on Thursday 6 July 2023

Day 8 – Friday 7 July 2023

Session 26 (0930 – 1030)

- Council's closing submissions

Session 27 (1045 – 1215)

- Appellant's closing submissions
- Costs (if applicable)
- Inquiry closes

Thursday 13 and Friday 14 July 2023

Held as reserve days in case of overrunning