

## **THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT INTO THE PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY ON OBJECTIONS TO THE DACORUM BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN**

### **INTRODUCTION BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

1. The Deposit Draft of the Dacorum Borough Local Plan was published in October 1998. Objections to the Deposit Draft were the subject of a Public Local Inquiry held between 28 March 2000 and 25 May 2001. The Inspector's Report on the Inquiry has made recommendations to the Council to change the Deposit Draft of the Local Plan.
2. The Inspector's Report on the Local Plan Inquiry was received at the end of July 2002. Council officers have checked this report for serious errors or ambiguities. No serious errors were found which would warrant the Council requesting an addendum report. The Inspector's Report has been printed as it was received. For the benefit of the reader, errors found have been listed on the following pages.
3. The Inspector considered:
  - a) objections to the Deposit Draft of the Dacorum Borough Local Plan.
  - b) objections to the list of Pre-Inquiry changes published in November 1999.
  - c) the Council's Further Changes to the Local Plan published in May 2001.
4. The Inspector's Report is clearly set out and has an introductory Preface. There are twenty one main chapters in which the Inspector considers all objections and gives his conclusions and recommendations. The chapters follow the order in which the topics are set out in the Local Plan.
5. The Inspector's Report makes recommendations to the Council on whether it should change the Local Plan (i.e. the Deposit Draft). Some recommendations refer to Pre-Inquiry Changes or Further Changes.
6. The Inspector's recommendations have not yet been considered by the Council at this juncture.
7. In due course, the Council will consider the Inspector's Report and produce a Schedule of Decisions outlining a response to each of the Inspector's recommendations and a List of Proposed Modifications to the Deposit Draft of the Dacorum Borough Local Plan. Because of the length,

complexity and comprehensive coverage of the Inspector's Report, these documents are not expected to be produced before next summer (i.e. June 2003).

8. Representations on the proposed modifications and any recommendation the Council does not wish to accept may be made when the proposed modifications and Schedule of Decisions are formally 'on deposit'. Objections should not be made directly to the Inspector's Report, although commenters may wish to refer to relevant parts of this document at a later stage.

#### STATUS OF INTRODUCTION AND ERRORS LIST

9. The Introduction and List of Errors forms no part of the Inspector's Report and are intended to help the reader in understanding the planning process and read the Inspector's report itself.