

Subject: Reference point on Question to Mr Jones

Alison

In my hurried questioning of Mr Jones this evening I could not find the references I wanted.

For the Inspector's information regarding the stiffening of protections to vulnerable people from exposure to pollution it was the Local Plan Review: CD8.13 P152 Policy DC7 introductory paragraph and point e.

Regarding accessibility and distances the reference in Mr Jones point of evidence is CD10.1 Page17 para 2.4 and 2.5 where he states the site is highly accessible being with 2km of the town centre and railway station, it is also in the Statement of Common Ground.

The reference I struggled to find was the table where actual distances were laid out. This was in fact in the Transport Statement of Common Ground ID11 Table 2.1 Para 2.11 (cannot find page number) where column 1 gives the "Approximate Distance from the nearest proposed access" where it states:

Kennet Shopping Centre (nearest reference point to Town Centre although in locals' opinion that should be further north at Bridge Street) 2.93km Newbury Railway Station 2.53km Bus Station 2.63km (not clear if this is the new bus station)

The point being these distances are all beyond what would be considered a reasonable walk (30+ Minutes) and are the minimum distances as the bulk of the site lies beyond the nearest access points, by way of example we were told in Mr Bird's evidence that for emergency access the distance from Monks Lane to the local centre is 1.62km (CD10.7 Policy P18 Para 4.19 i). As such I think the statement of "highly accessible" is incorrect from a sustainable transport point of view and is likely to lead to higher car usage than the modelling suggests.

It is a pity that I had to rush my questions as I didn't feel I was able to get to the heart of the issues that were of concern to me and people local to the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

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