

Email re HRA & GTAA

From: Programme Officer
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Subject: HRA & GTAA

1. The Inspector understands that the Council intends to prepare a revised **Habitats Regulations Assessment** (HRA), following the issues raised at the recent hearing sessions of the examination of the Bradford Core Strategy Local Plan. The Inspector understands that formal consultation on the revised HRA is needed with Natural England. The Inspector also understands that the Council envisage publishing the amended HRA in June/July 2015 (PS/F042d). Can the Council confirm the nature and extent of any formal or informal consultation with Natural England and any other parties before finalising the amended HRA? If the amended HRA is subject to full public consultation, it may be possible to hold a short hearing session of the examination to consider any specific issues raised by the representations relating to the soundness of the plan before the Main Modifications are published.
2. The Inspector also understands that the Council intends to finalise an updated **Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment** (GTAA), as confirmed at the recent hearing sessions of the examination. The national guidance on undertaking GTAAs sets out details of the working arrangements, including involvement of key stakeholders and representatives of the gypsy and traveller communities. It also advises on publicising and consulting on the GTAA. The Inspector understands that this guidance is still extant (Gypsy & Traveller accommodation needs assessments: guidance; DCLG: October 2007). Can the Council please confirm the nature and extent of any formal or informal consultation it intends to carry out on the updated GTAA before it is finalised. If the updated GTAA is subject to full public consultation, it may be possible to hold a short hearing session of the examination to consider any specific issues raised by the representations relating to the soundness of the plan before the Main Modifications are published.

The Inspector welcomes an early response to these matters.