

AGENDA FOR HEARING – Day 4
10am Tuesday 29 June – Wye
(Matter 8) (V.2)

Main issues for discussion

NB –The Coalition Government has declared a commitment to abolish rapidly the Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS). If the Secretary of State gives further clarity before the end of the Examination period, the issue of the relationship between the RSS and the DPD will be revisited and the Inspector will seek the views of participants by written representations or, if essential, by a further hearing session. The RSS remains part of the development plan at present, but the government’s commitment to abolish is a material consideration which the Inspector will take into account.

- How should the RSS approach of allocating most growth in the Borough to the east Kent and Ashford Sub Region affect the housing strategy for Wye and other rural settlements in the eastern part of the Borough?
- Is delay in consideration of the future of the ICL sites WYE3 justified?
- Is a masterplan for WYE3 the most appropriate approach?
- Would the DPD strategy achieve the best balance between the development of greenfield sites and previously-developed land?
- Is there sufficient consideration in the DPD to the possibility of replacing jobs lost in Wye following the closure of the College?

Other omission sites

- Do the housing sites WYE1 and WYE2 represent the best strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives?

WYE15 – Withersdane (Care Village UK - Origin 3)

Participants at hearing

Ashford Borough Council
Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council
Wye Imperial College (Savills)
Care Village UK (Origin 3)
Wye Future Group (Baker Assocs)
Wye Village Design Group