

Further session – Matter M

A further session is to be held at **10.00 am on Wednesday 17 June** to discuss one specific aspect of Matter M, question 3 -

Are the requirements of policy SWDP 39, including Table 10, justified by evidence and consistent with policy SWDP 5 and with national policy?

The discussion at this session will be concerned solely with the requirements for “Formal sports pitches, courts etc”, that is to say the standards set out in the penultimate line of Table 10, any other provisions of the policy directly related to those standards, and the supporting evidence base. The need for the session arises because the Councils are preparing further evidence on the need for formal sports provision.

The invited participants are Sport England and the Councils. The inspector’s decision to invite only Sport England and the Councils to the session is based on the attendance at the original Matter M hearing session. However, the inspector will consider requests to participate from other representors if they have made original representations which are directly related to the point under discussion. Any such requests should be made to the Programme Officer by Wednesday 20 May.

As regards statements for the session, the Inspector would ideally like a single statement of common ground between Sport England and the Councils. Failing that, it would be helpful if their statements could set out clearly the points on which they agree, and the key areas of disagreement. To allow as much time as possible for these to be prepared, the Inspector has set a deadline for hard copies of 12 noon on Friday 12 June.

Following this session on formal sports provision, there will be a procedural session which will be concerned solely with the arrangements for preparing and consulting upon the Main Modifications. There will be no discussion of the soundness of the Plan at the procedural session and so no other participants are being invited, apart from the Councils.

As with all the hearing sessions, both these sessions are open to the public to come and listen to the discussion.

Please note the sessions will take place at

The Committee Room
Wychavon District Council
The Civic Centre,
Queen Elizabeth Drive
Pershore, WR10 1PT

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