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Day 3: Thursday 14 November 2024 (Week 1)

Venue - Council Chamber, Ashfield District Council, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, NG17 8DA

Matter 3 – The Spatial Strategy and the distribution of development

Issue - Whether the Spatial Strategy and the distribution of development are justified, and can be accommodated without releasing land from the Green Belt? If not, do exceptional circumstances exist that would justify altering the Green Belt boundary?

- 1) Justification for the spatial strategy and distribution of development
 - a. Whether submitted approach is an appropriate strategy
- 2) Alternative options considered
- 3) Balance between new housing and employment
- 4) Scale of development
- 5) The settlement hierarchy
- 6) Approach to the Green Belt
 - a. Whether housing and employment needs could be met outside the Green Belt
 - b. Whether the plan has maximised use of brownfield sites, and optimised the density of development.
 - c. Whether the approach in the submitted plan would result in the Green Belt boundary requiring alteration by the end of the Plan period as set out at paragraph 143(e) of the Framework.
 - d. Whether Exceptional circumstances exist to alter the Green Belt boundary