

Examination of the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan

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Dear Adam,

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Local Plan – Notice of Exploratory Meeting

I can now confirm that the Inspector aims to hold an Exploratory Meeting to discuss both the concerns set out in his letter of 21st October 2014 to the Council, and the Council's responses, which it is understood will be available by 28th November 2014. The meeting is programmed to start at **10:00 am on Thursday 11th December 2014, in Committee Room 1 at the Civic Offices, Basingstoke.**

Although the Exploratory Meeting will be primarily between the Inspector and the Council, it is a public meeting, so that anyone can attend. If other parties wish to speak in relation to one or more of the Inspector's concerns at the meeting, it is essential that they contact the Programme Officer by 28th November, giving their name, organisation represented (if applicable) and the issue(s) that they wish to raise. This procedure is necessary to ensure the smooth running of the meeting and to prevent the Exploratory Meeting losing its focus onto other issues, which may be more appropriately raised during the main Examination Hearings later on.

The list of concerns which are set out in the Inspector's letter (and table) dated 21st October 2014 (reference PS/1/01) will form the basis of the agenda for the meeting. This list is not necessarily exhaustive of all the matters which potentially affect legal soundness, duty to cooperate or soundness of the Plan. Other detailed points will be set out in due course as the Examination progresses.

One of the **main purposes** of the meeting will be to clarify the need for any additional work and establish a future programme for the Examination. However, the Inspector also needs to consider **four possible outcomes** from the meeting:

- The Inspector's concerns are resolved and the Examination continues; or

- The Inspector's concerns are not resolved and the examination continues; or
- The Examination is temporarily suspended to enable the Council to carry out further work on the Local Plan; or
- The Council decides to withdraw the Local Plan.

It will be up to the Council to determine how it wishes to proceed in the light of the discussion at the meeting. Whilst there is potential to suggest further modifications to address the Inspector's concerns, it must be remembered that such modifications should not fundamentally alter the overall strategy or result in a Local Plan that is substantially different to that submitted.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Katharine

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Programme Officer