

## Examination of the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan

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**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Respondent,

### **Examination of the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Local Plan 2011 – 2029: Pre-Hearing Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

Further to previous correspondence relating to your representations on the Local Plan, I am now writing to confirm that a Pre-Hearing Meeting will take place at **10.00am on Tuesday 21st July 2015**, at the Civic Offices, Basingstoke. The purpose of the meeting is for the Inspector to review progress to date on the Examination (including the further work carried out by the Council this year and the recent public consultation on proposed changes) and to confirm the draft programme for the public hearings, the list of Issues and Questions, the timescale for submission of further written statements by respondents and other procedural matters. The meeting is open to the public to observe but those who have asked to speak at the hearings are particularly encouraged to attend. **Please let me know by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July if you would like to attend the Pre-Hearing Meeting, to assist me in the administrative arrangements.**

Copies of the Inspector's Guidance Note and an agenda for the Pre-Hearing Meeting are attached to this email and may be downloaded from the Examination website [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/Localplanexamination](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/Localplanexamination). The Inspector is currently reviewing the responses received to the Council's latest consultation on proposed changes to the Plan and other work undertaken, in order to inform his list of Issues and Questions for the Examination. This list, which will form the basis of discussion at the public hearings and the focus for further written statements, will be published on the Examination website as soon as it has been finalised, together with the draft programme for the public hearings. This is expected to be in advance of the Pre-Hearing Meeting.

The Guidance Note confirms that the public hearings will open on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 10.00am**; they are likely to last for six weeks, with a break for the week starting 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015, and are scheduled to end on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

2015. The venue for the Hearings is the **Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke RG21 4AH**. Please note that the draft programme listing those who have asked to participate in the public hearings will be published on the Examination website in advance of the Pre-Hearing Meeting, once the most recent consultation responses have been processed. The Guidance Note requests participants to confirm their attendance to me by no later than **4<sup>th</sup> September 2015**. Failure to do so may result in removal from the list of participants. If you made representations and wish to participate in a Hearing to discuss them but are not listed to do so, or if you are listed to participate in a Hearing but no longer wish to do so, please let me know as soon as possible.

Further information about the Examination and progress to date is available on the website (see link above). All of the documents in the Examination Library may be viewed via the website and in paper copy at the Civic Offices, Basingstoke. In addition, the website has links to useful background information on the examination of Local Plans, including 'Examining Local Plans: Procedural Practice (December 2013)' published by the Planning Inspectorate.

If you have any questions about the Examination or its procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details set out at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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