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# Fareham Borough Council Local Plan Examination

Inspector: Helen Hockenhull BA(Hons) B.PI MRTPI

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Programme Officer: Kerry Trueman

Dear Representor,

I am writing to you because my records show that you or your organisation have submitted representations during the Fareham Borough Council Publication Local Plan Consultation (6th November - 18th December 2020) and/or Fareham Borough Council Revised Publication Local Plan Consultation (18th June - 30th July 2021). The Local Plan has been formally submitted to the Secretary of State and is currently subject to Independent Examination.

The Secretary of State has appointed Helen Hockenhull BA(Hons) B.PI MRTPI as Planning Inspector to conduct the Examination process.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Programme Officer who is responsible for assisting the Inspector with all aspects of the examination administration. I am independent from the Council and work under the Inspector's direction. Please note that all communications for the Inspector should be sent to me. To ensure impartiality the Inspector will not communicate directly with any party, including the Council outside the formal examination sessions.

To ensure you are kept informed with the examination process please keep up to date via the examination webpages, a link to which is provided below:

[http://www.fareham.gov.uk/planning/local\\_plan/examination/intro.aspx](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/planning/local_plan/examination/intro.aspx)

The [examination webpages](#) will be updated as the examination progresses to include correspondence, evidence, representations and other documentation relevant to the examination (the Examination Library). If you do not have access to the internet and wish to view specific documents, please let me know so I can assist further.

The Inspector has been provided with copies of all representations. All representations made in writing (or by e-mail) carry the same weight as those pursued by appearance at any of the hearing sessions.

**You may have already indicated that you wish to participate in the hearing sessions (when you made your submission to the Council), but for the avoidance of doubt I would welcome confirmation of whether you wish to take part in the hearings. Please let me know no later than 17:00 Monday 13th December 2021 so that I can include you as a participant, by emailing:**

[programmeofficer@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:programmeofficer@fareham.gov.uk)

**or writing to me at:**

**PO Box 229, Prenton, CH26 9EY**

**Please also include the name the representation was made in, the organisation if any and if you are an agent, the name of the representor and/or the organisation you are acting on behalf of.**

However, if you would prefer not to receive any further information on the examination, please let me know and I will remove your details from the notification list.

Whilst the timetable is subject to change it is currently anticipated that the Hearing Sessions will take place in Spring 2022. They are likely to last approximately 3/4 weeks with a break in between. It is uncertain at this stage what format the hearings will take, as account will need to be taken of any restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The hearings could be held face to face, virtual, or a mixture of the two.

The Inspector has been undertaking their initial assessment of the Local Plan, including legal compliance and soundness having regard to the submitted documents, the evidence base and representations. This has raised some preliminary questions by the Inspector and the Council have been asked to make their initial response by 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. The Inspector's initial questions have been made available on the examination webpages. The Council's response will be added to the webpages following their submission. In the meantime, please do not submit any further information or representations unless asked to.

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<https://www.fareham.gov.uk/privacy.aspx>

If you have any queries at any stage of the examination, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to help. My contact details are on this letter but also on the Fareham Borough Council Local Plan examination webpages.

Yours sincerely

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