

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF GODMANCHESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Stuart

GODMANCHESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Following the submission of the Godmanchester Neighbourhood Plan for examination, I would like to clarify several initial procedural matters.

1. Examination Documentation

I can confirm that I am satisfied that I have received a complete submission of the draft Plan and accompanying documentation, including the Basic Conditions Statement, the Consultation Statement and the Regulation 16 representations, to enable me to undertake the examination.

Subject to my detailed assessment of the draft plan, I have not at this initial stage identified any very significant and obvious flaws in the plan that might lead me to advise that the examination should not proceed.

2. Site Visit

I intend to undertake a site visit to the neighbourhood plan area during the week commencing 17 July 2017. This will assist in my assessment of the draft Plan, including the issues identified in the representations.

The site visit will be undertaken unaccompanied. It is very important that I am not approached to discuss any aspects of the Plan or the neighbourhood area, as this could be perceived to prejudice my independence and risk compromising the fairness of the examination process.

3. Written Representations with or without a Hearing Session

I am not yet in a position to determine whether the examination can be conducted solely by the written representations procedure or will need a hearing session. I have decided to defer this decision until I have had an opportunity to conduct my site visit.

As you will be aware, I may convene a hearing session where it is necessary to ensure the adequate examination of an issue, or to ensure that a person has a fair chance to put a case.

4. Further Clarification

Again, subject to my site visit and decision on whether a hearing session is required, I may have a number of questions seeking clarification on various matters, which I will wish to put to the qualifying body and the Council. These questions will be set out in a separate letter.

5. Examination Timetable

I am not in a position to advise further on the examination timetable until I have conducted the site visit. Should I need to seek any further clarification and/or hold a hearing session this will inevitably extend the duration of the examination, albeit I will endeavour to minimise any delay where practicable.

If you or the qualifying body have any process questions related to the conduct of the examination, which you would like me to address, please do not hesitate to contact the office team in the first instance.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of this is placed on the local authority and qualifying body's website.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

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Examiner