

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE BROADSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:
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By email to Mike Brooke and Allen Lewis (Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum) and
Rebecca Landman and Nick Perrins (Poole Council)

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Dear Mike, Allen, Rebecca and Nick

Broadstone Neighbourhood Plan Independent Examination

Further to my appointment to undertake the Independent Examination of the Broadstone Neighbourhood Development Plan I am writing to clarify how I will conduct the examination.

1. Communications

It is essential that the examination process is open and transparent to all interested parties. I would be grateful if both Poole Council and Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum could publish this letter on their respective websites. I will address all future communication to Poole Council and send a copy to the Forum. It would be helpful if the Forum would channel all communication to me through Poole Council, and that, when writing to me, Poole Council copies-in the Forum.

2. Examination documents

I have previously received a copy of the Submission Plan and accompanying documents, and today received the Regulation 16 representations electronically. The Independent Examination will now formally commence. Subject to my later detailed assessment I have not identified any obvious fundamental flaws in the submission documents that would lead me to advise the examination should not proceed. If I find that there are significant issues which may prevent the Plan meeting the basic conditions I will let you know during the examination.

3. Independence

From my initial review of the Plan documents and Regulation 16 representations it would appear that there are no conflicts of interest that would call into question my independent status.

4. Visit to the Plan area

After I have thoroughly reviewed the Plan documents and Regulation 16 representations I will visit the plan area as this will assist me in understanding the nature of the Plan and the representations, and help me decide if there are any issues to be clarified. I will undertake this visit on an unaccompanied basis as it is important that there should be no perception that I have heard additional representations.

5. Clarification procedures

I may at any time during the Independent Examination seek written clarification of any matters that I consider necessary. I will direct any request for clarification to Poole Council, copying in the Forum. Any request for clarification and any response should be published on the Poole Council and Forum websites.

I am proceeding on the basis that the examination can be concluded without the need for a hearing. At any time before I issue my final report I may call a hearing if I consider this is necessary to ensure adequate examination of any issue, or to allow a person a fair chance to put a case.

6. Examination timetable

The main determinants of how long the examination will take are firstly the number and complexity of the Plan Policies; the clarity of supporting evidence; and the number and nature of representations. Assuming a hearing will not be necessary, and that there will be no delay in answering any request for clarification I may make, I anticipate that within 1 to 2 weeks I will be able to send a confidential draft of my report to Poole Council and the Forum to allow an opportunity to check whether there are any factual errors. This will not be an opportunity for any further representations to be made.

7. Procedural questions

I would be pleased to address any questions relating to the examination process that Poole Council or the Forum may have.

Regards

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