

Email from Programme Officer 230316 to Modifications consultation representors

This email is addressed to those parties who made representations at the recent Modifications stage of Bradford's Core Strategy Examination. I am now providing details of the next stage of proceedings and would ask you to view the following notes carefully, together with the content of the attached document, as they provide important information and key dates.

Following the publication of Proposed Main Modifications to the Bradford Local Plan Core Strategy between November 2015-January 2016, the Inspector is considering the representations made and the Council's responses to them. Representations on Proposed Modifications to a Local Plan are normally dealt with through the written representations process. However, in this case, some representations have raised new issues or points not discussed in detail at the earlier hearing sessions. The Inspector has therefore decided to hold a short series of focused hearings to discuss some of the key changes to the submitted plan. It is envisaged that these resumed hearings will be held between 17-20 May 2016 at Victoria Hall, Saltaire - I will provide a more detailed timetable in due course, most likely once any further statements (see below) have been received.

In order to guide the discussion at the resumed hearings, the Inspector has prepared a Schedule of Matters, Issues & Questions (MIQs). It reflects some of the main issues raised in the representations and in the Council's responses relating to the Proposed Modifications to the submitted Local Plan Core Strategy. The Council is invited to respond to all the MIQs in brief statements, limited to a maximum of 3,000 words per Matter. Other respondents should have included all the points and supporting information relating to their comments in their original representations. However, participants may prepare a brief further statement for the hearings, directly responding to the MIQs relevant to points raised in their original representations, limited to 3,000 words per Matter. No further material, evidence or appendices should be submitted with any further statements. The statements should be submitted to reach myself as Programme Officer no later than **7pm Friday 22 April 2016**, with a further four paper copies in the post promptly thereafter. Any further statements, along with the representations and the Council's responses will become available on the Council's examination web-site.

As with the earlier hearings, in addition to the Council, only those parties who have made representations on the Proposed Main Modifications related to the Inspector's MIQs are entitled to participate at the resumed hearings. **Details should be advised to me by the same date as for further statements ie Friday 22 April.** Some respondents have repeated points made in their original representations on the submitted Local Plan or unrelated to specific Proposed Modifications. These points will not be discussed at the resumed hearings. If the Inspector needs any further information on matters not covered in the MIQs, he will request it from participants. Apart from any further hearings statements, no other unsolicited material should be submitted to the examination at this stage.

A link to copies of the representations submitted on the Proposed Modifications, along with the Council's responses, will be added to the Examination webpage shortly; further statements and detailed agendas for the hearing sessions will also be added before the hearings resume.

I will endeavour to keep you advised of new developments via the Examination webpage, as below, but you are welcome to contact me directly if I can be of any particular assistance.

http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/the_environment/planning_service/local_development_framework/core_strategy_dpd_examination.htm

Thank you.

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