

BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

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Dear Representor,

RE: Barrow Borough Council
Local Plan Examination

I am contacting you with regard to the representation form you submitted in response to the Barrow Borough Local Plan. 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 Karen Ridge LLB (Hons) MTPL of the Planning Inspectorate to conduct the Examination process.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Local Plan Programme Officer and I am responsible for assisting the Inspector and carrying out all aspects of administration involved within the Examination. Any correspondence for the Inspector should now be sent to me, as the Inspector will not communicate directly with any party, including the Council, outside of the formal exam sessions. This is to ensure the examination is carried out impartially.

The Inspector explains the procedure for the Examination in the Guidance Notes which can be accessed on the Examination Page on the council website, here: <https://www.barrowbc.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/examination-of-local-plan/>.

The website is also kept up to date with the Examination process and contains the Examination Library webpage. This will include all correspondence,

representations and evidence relevant to the Examination. Should you require any further information or do not have access to the internet, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The Inspector has undertaken an assessment of the Local Plan, including legal compliance and soundness, having regard to the submitted documents, the evidence base and representations. This assessment has led to the production of the Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs) document which will form the basis of the discussion at the Hearing sessions.

The Council will produce a statement for each of the issues and questions set out in the MIQs. Those who made representations may also submit hearing statements but this is not a requirement. **You may rely on previous submissions.** Those who do wish to submit statements should do so by **12 noon on Friday 11th May 2018.** (See the Guidance Notes for details).

The Inspector has been provided with copies of all representations submitted to the Council. The Inspector has advised that written representations and oral representations will carry the same weight, and that she will have equal regard to views put forward at a hearing or in writing.

On the Representation Forms, you were asked to indicate whether or not you wished to participate at the oral part of the examination. **If you answered yes and still wish to do so, please can you confirm this in writing by Friday 11th May 2018.**

The Examination Hearings are expected to run for around three weeks and have been scheduled to begin on 5th June 2018. A detailed timetable can be found on the Examination webpage and an updated version will be available once participants have been confirmed.

Should you have any queries about the examination from this point forward, please contact myself directly using the details above and I will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely,

Carolyn Woodend

Local Plan Programme Officer