

PETERSTOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Submission Draft Version

Commencement of Examination Procedural Note
Peterstow Neighbourhood Plan
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I am writing to confirm that I have commenced the examination of the Peterstow Neighbourhood Plan. From my initial appraisal of the submitted documents I am satisfied that a hearing will not be necessary, and I therefore intend to proceed by way of written submissions alone. All contact will be through a named representative of the Local Planning Authority. They will be responsible for forwarding all correspondence (except for contractual matters) to the representative of the Qualifying Body. All correspondence between myself, the Local Planning Authority and the Qualifying Body (except for contractual matters) should be placed on the Local Authority's website to ensure that the examination is conducted in an open and transparent manner.

I have undertaken a detailed appraisal of the background documents to check that the legal requirements have been satisfied and that adequate consultation has taken place. I would welcome comments on the following:

1. The Basic Conditions Statement under the heading Human Rights states "*The policies within the Plan are considered to comply with the requirements of the EU obligations in relation to human rights.*" Would the Qualifying Body confirm whether a Human Rights Assessment has been undertaken of the policies of the plan and the consultation process to support this statement? If not would the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body provide me with a brief assessment.
2. I do not normally accept late representations unless there are extenuating circumstances. Are there any extenuating circumstances that I should be made aware of with respect to the late representations?
3. May I thank the Qualifying Body for their helpful comments on the representations received.

I am proposing to undertake the examination as follows:

I will undertake a detailed appraisal of the Plan and the policies to ensure that they satisfy the Basic Conditions, taking account of any representations. I will write to the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body to seek clarification on any matters or to request further information.

I will undertake a site visit to familiarise myself with the parish and any sites referred to in the Plan.

- I anticipate that I will present my Examination Questions and matters for clarification to the Local Planning Authority by 28 August. This will also seek agreement to any significant wording changes to policies.
- I will allow 14 days for a response by the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body.
- Following receipt of responses to my questions and matters of clarification, I will prepare my draft Examination Report for fact checking.

- I will allow 7 days for a response by the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body.
- I anticipate that I will issue my final report to the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body by early October.

All dates are indicative at this stage and may be revised if necessary should significant issues or additional questions arise or extensions of time be requested by the Local Planning Authority and/or Qualifying Body.

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