

## HARLOW LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir/Madam,

### Independent Examination – Harlow Local Development Plan

It appears from my records that you or your organisation has submitted representations on the Harlow Local Development Plan. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Programme Officer responsible for assisting the Inspector with all aspects of the Examination administration, independently of the Council. All correspondence should be sent to me directly as the first point of contact for any queries to the Examination.

The Secretary of State has appointed **David Reed BSc DipTP DMS MRTPI** to conduct the Examination of the Plan. The Examination is to assess whether the Plan has been prepared in accordance with the legal requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), and its associated Regulations, and whether it meets the tests of soundness set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy). More information on the procedure for the Examination, together with examination documents including any letters between the Council and the Inspector will be made available on the Council's Examination web site. Please refer to the website regularly for the latest updates as it is your responsibility to stay informed. To keep you advised there has already been some correspondence between the Inspector and Council which you may wish to look at.

Provisionally the Examination hearings will be held between Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and if necessary Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

If you have received a paper version of this letter, please would you supply me with an email address so that I can contact you quickly and easily with further information during the course of the Examination.

I will send, around the end of this month, some documents from the Inspector which will include guidance notes, a draft programme for the hearings, and the Inspector's matters, issues and questions for the Council and representors to address during the hearings. Should you no longer wish to be contacted please advise me accordingly so that I can remove your details from my distribution list.

Please note that those representors **supporting** a Plan cannot speak at the hearings unless invited to do so by the Inspector.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Programme Officer