

EASTBOURNE CORE STRATEGY (LDF) EXAMINATION

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To: Planning Policy Team,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Independent Examination of Eastbourne Core Strategy (LDF)

I am writing to you in connection with the representation(s) that you recently submitted to Eastbourne's Core Strategy (LDF). The process of consultation on this document has ended and is now subject to an independent scrutiny by way of an Examination, during which time an independent Planning Inspector will consider whether the document is 'sound'. You may find it useful to visit the website: www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk the document 'Development Plans Examinations – A Guide to the Process of Assessing the Soundness of Development Plan Documents' which under Section 2 gives information about the Examination process.

Appointment of Inspector

The Secretary of State has appointed Mrs S J Turner RIBA, MRTPI, IHBC to conduct the Examination. I am the Programme Officer for the Examination and will deal with all procedural, administrative and programming matters. I am independent of Eastbourne Borough Council and work directly for the Inspector. All correspondence for the Inspector should be addressed to me.

A library of Core Documents is being prepared and should be available for Inspection in the Programme Officer's office in the Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UG, prior to the Examination. However, as my duties only require me working part-time, inspection of the documents will have to be made by appointment. I can be contacted on the above-mentioned e-mail address or a message left on the above telephone number. I would remind responders that a fee will be charged for any photocopying required.

Examination Hearings

The Council and the Inspector have agreed that a Pre-Hearing Meeting to inform on the management of the Examination, including the overall programme, how representations will be heard and the timetable for the submission of supplementary statements is not be necessary. Instead, I attach Examination Briefing Notes on the process of the Examination, (Appendix I), which also indicates the dates of the Examination Hearing

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Sessions as Tuesday, 15th May 2012 and a date for the submission of further written statements.

Attached also, for your information, is the Inspector's Matters and Issues (Appendix II), which sets out her initial thoughts about the soundness of the Core Strategy and, inviting the Council to consider the most appropriate way forward. The document also includes a draft Programme.

The Inspector is the opinion that it would not be appropriate to include the Examination of the Town Centre Area Action Plan document (TCAAP), at this stage.

Other information and updates about the Examination will be posted on the Council's website at www.eastbourne.gov.uk/eastbourneplan and should you have any queries regarding the process, please contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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