

BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

LOCAL PLAN CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

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Dear Representor,

Blackpool Council Local Plan Core Strategy Examination Hearings

Further to my recent communication of 20 January I am now able to advise you that the hearings are due to commence on **Monday 11 May at The Solaris Centre, South Promenade, Blackpool, FY4 1RW** and are expected to conclude during that week.

I am attaching the following documents:

1. The Inspector's Guidance Notes
2. The Inspector's Matters Issues and Questions for discussion at the hearings
3. A draft timetable and provisional participant list for the hearings

My notes below provide some further information.

The Inspector's Guidance Notes and his Matters Issues and Questions ('MIQs')

The Guidance Notes provide a comprehensive summary of administrative matters relating to the Examination and the hearing sessions.

Sections 12 to 18 of the Guidance Notes are particularly relevant to the MIQs and for those of you who wish to submit **further statements by the deadline of Wednesday 22 April**. In particular, I would remind you of the point made in section 17 of the Guidance Notes that any further statements should only respond to relevant matters in the Inspector's MIQs, rather than repeating or expanding upon the original representations.

If submitting further statements please could I ask you to quote the relevant question number from the MIQs at the head of each section of your statement.

The updated Draft Timetable and participant list

This is an important opportunity to confirm your desire or not to participate at the hearings.

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The draft timetable presently lists those people who indicated a desire to participate when submitting their original representations. **If you are not on this list but now wish to participate I would welcome your urgent contact**, detailing the hearing session in which you would like to participate (which should have some relevance to your original representation).

It may be that some of you presently on the list will wish to review your desire to participate in the light of the Inspector's MIQs or other aspects arising since your representation.

However, **for those participants presently listed, please would you check the various hearing sessions carefully, and for each confirm to me either:**

- 1. that your desire to participate still stands and that you are listed against the appropriate hearing(s), or**
- 2. that you no longer wish to participate.**

I would appreciate responses to the above **by Friday 27 February** but will endeavour to accommodate any late changes.

Observing proceedings at the hearings

Some of you may wish to simply observe the hearings without participating in the formal discussions. The hearings are open to all members of the public and if you wish to attend in this capacity I will be pleased to see you on the day – it would help my preparations to know that you are coming but is not absolutely necessary for those making last minute arrangements. It is important to mention, however, that those simply observing will not be able to contribute to the discussions.

Keeping in touch and access to information

As mentioned in my last letter, please continue to view the Examination webpage on a regular basis for new information and relevant documents, together with any potential changes to the timetable. The Examination webpage can be found at www.blackpool.gov.uk/corestrategy/examination

My invitation remains for you to approach me if I can be of assistance at any time over the weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely

Tony Blackburn
Programme Officer