

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE  
PETERSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
SUBMISSION DRAFT 18 JANUARY 2015**

**GUIDANCE NOTE AND AGENDA  
FOR PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCING  
ON 4 JUNE 2015**

1. Following my initial Note dated 23 April 2015, a public hearing will commence at 10 am on 4 June 2015 (and continue as necessary on 5 June) at Festival Hall, Heath Road, Petersfield, Hampshire GU31 4EA. This Note provides guidance as to how the hearing will be conducted, and an Agenda. The Agenda may be refined prior to 4 June 2015, and if so, a revised Agenda will be publicised in the same manner as this Note.
2. In the statutory provisions, the general rule is that the examination of issues by the Examiner is to take the form of the consideration of written representations. I should assure all interested parties that I have considered, and will continue to consider, all the written representations which have been made.
3. I have appointed the hearing so as to ensure that adequate examination is made of certain issues arising, and so that invited representors have a fair chance to put their case.
4. The parties entitled to make oral representations at the hearing are the Qualifying Body, the Local Planning Authority, and those representors who have been issued with invitations to attend. The hearing is a public hearing. As it proceeds, I will consider whether it is necessary to hear any oral representations from any other party who has made written representations, and who seeks to supplement those

representations. However, I should make it clear that this will be an exceptional course, given the general rule concerning written representations noted in paragraph 2 above.

5. It is for the examiner to decide how the hearing is conducted. In particular, I shall decide the nature and extent of any questions, and the amount of time for oral representations. The principle to be applied is that questioning will be done by myself, except where questioning by another is necessary to ensure either adequate examination of a particular issue, or that a party has a fair chance to put their case.

### **Agenda**

6. The Agenda will generally be as follows:
  - (1) Opening remarks by Examiner.
  - (2) A discussion (so far as I consider it necessary) of the matters contained in my Initial Note and the responses I have received. This discussion will primarily involve the Qualifying Body and the Local Planning Authority, although I may accept brief oral representations from other representors.
  - (3) A discussion on the deliverability of the allocated housing sites in Housing Policy 1 (HP1), in the sequence of (a) town centre sites and (b) other sites.
  - (4) Oral representations by invited representors in the following order:

R9	-	Highwood
R32	-	115 Sussex Road.
R34	-	Peter Estates

- R36 - Persimmon.
- R37 - Barratt/Bovis/4LL – Causeway Farm.
- R38 - Tetlow King Anchor 2020

7. The opportunity to submit evidence was during the written representations process. No further evidence will be submitted at the hearing, save by way of necessary clarification which is sought or offered.

**Site visit**

8. By the time of the hearing, I will have endeavoured to visit, by myself, all relevant locations from public vantage points. There will be accompanied site visits on 5 June, commencing as soon as possible and certainly by 2 pm. Parties should indicate in advance of the hearing what they wish me to see. I shall not enter private land (other than on a public right of way) without the consent of the landowner. During the accompanied site visits I should be accompanied by at least one person from each side of any difference as to the future use of the land being visited or viewed.
9. The purpose of the site visit is simply to identify matters which have already been presented in the representations. No further evidence will be given.

Christopher Lockhart-Mummery QC

12 May 2015