

TONBRIDGE & MALLING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK Public Examinations

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Dear ,

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL TONBRIDGE CENTRAL AREA ACTION PLAN & DEVELOPMENT LAND ALLOCATION EXAMINATIONS

The hearings part of the Examination into the Core Strategy of the Tonbridge and Malling Local Development Framework has now been completed. The Inspector has indicated that her report will be issued to the Local Authority for fact checking by mid August. Following the fact check stage, the Council will publish the final report as soon as is reasonably practicable thereafter.

Without prejudice to any findings she may make on the soundness of the Core Strategy, the Inspector has asked me to organise a provisional programme for the examination of the TCAAP and the DLADPD, so as to avoid unnecessary delay in the event that the Core Strategy is found to be sound.

Subject to the above, the hearings part of the examination into the Tonbridge Central Area Action Plan will begin on October 23rd 2007. Hearings into the Development Land Allocations Development Plan Document will begin on November 20th 2007. The Pre-examination Meeting (PEM) for both these Examinations takes place at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 4th September in the Committee Room at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. An agenda for the PEM, together with the Inspector's lists of Matters and Issues relating to the TCAAP will be available on the Council's website, or from me, two weeks before the PEM. Draft Programmes for that Examination will be available at the PEM. You should note that this is not the time when your representations about either of the Examinations will be heard – the oral Examinations do not begin until later in the year as detailed above. The purpose of this Meeting is purely to sort out the administrative arrangements and procedures for the actual Examinations. You are invited to attend, but non-attendance does not prejudice your rights to appear at the Examination, or the Inspectors' consideration of your representations. Notes of the PEM will be sent to all respondents shortly after the meeting.

The hearings into the TCAAP and the DLADPD will follow the same general principles that are set out in the Minutes of the PEM for the Core Strategy (available from me or on the website). Additional information, including dates for the submission of further statements, are shown on the attached sheet. The Council's Position Statements will be in the public domain by early August.

I enclose directions of how to get to Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices, if you are coming by car there is a free car park. The Offices have full access for anyone with mobility problems so please let me know as soon as possible if you will require assistance of any kind, so that the necessary arrangements can be put in hand.

I would be grateful if you could return the reply slip regarding the PEM as soon as possible so that I have an idea of how many will be attending.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information, leaving a message on my answer phone if necessary. I will return your call as soon as I can.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynette Benton".

Lynette Benton
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Enclosures:
Directions to the Conference Centre
Reply Slip
Additional information