

ARUN LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

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To: Karl Roberts, Director of Place

Dear Mr Roberts

Arun Local Plan Examination

I write to introduce myself as the Inspector now responsible for the above examination and to raise a few preliminary matters.

Thank you for the Note on the work carried out during the suspension of the examination dated July 2017. This should be added to Local Plan (LP) Examination Website. It should also be flagged up in the 'Latest News' section as should my appointment as Inspector.

The examination was formally suspended on 2 February 2016 pending completion of a programme of work summarised in Appendix A of the then Inspector's letter dated 10 September 2015; the carrying out of consultation on Main Modifications (MMs) which was undertaken in April-May 2017; and those MMs and representations made on them being sent to the Inspectorate. On the basis that those stages have now been completed please confirm that the Council wish me to resume the examination.

The Local Plan (LP) to be examined in the resumed process will be the Arun Local Plan 2011-20131 Publication Version showing Modifications (Document PELP37 in the Primary Evidence Base). This incorporates the MMs set out in the Table of Proposed Main Modifications (Document PELP38). In addition there are also the 'Suggested Changes' set out in 'Appendix 1: Summary of Representations Received on the Arun Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation'. However, where appropriate these suggestions would be best incorporated into Schedules of MMs and Additional Modifications (AMs) which will evolve during the remainder of the examination. This may be a more pragmatic approach and give a clearer basis upon which the resumed examination is to proceed.

I have some questions based on my initial reading of the LP which I will send to you shortly. I will then draw up 'Matters and Issues' which will form the basis for agendas at the Hearings. These will take into account the matters and issues covered in the initial hearings; the previous Inspector's findings; the representations made on the LP submitted in January 2015; the MMs; and the further representations made on the MMs.

I understand that the Council would like the hearings part of the examination to be conducted before the end of September 2017 and rooms have been reserved for weeks' commencing 18 and 25 September. Although this is a tight timetable given my other commitments over the summer, I will work towards achieving this objective. I envisage that hearings would take place on Tuesday-Thursday during both weeks although there is the possibility of sitting on Friday 29 September if necessary. I understand that the Council consider that 6-7 days will allow sufficient time for the resumed hearings. At least 6 weeks' notice should be given for the hearings which would mean publicity by 7 August at the latest. I would envisage that the Council will provide statements in response to the 'Matters and Issues', to be submitted no later than 4 weeks before the hearing i.e. for hearings on 19 September statements will be required by 22 August. The same timetable will apply to others who wish to submit statements. I will issue an update to the original Guidance Notes to confirm these matters shortly.

I look forward to a response on the above as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mark Dakeyne

INSPECTOR

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