

Medway Local Development Framework Core Strategy Examination

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Dear

Medway Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Development Plan Document – Public Hearings

Following submission of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document to the Planning Inspectorate on 7th February 2012, I am writing to notify you that the Public Hearings part of the Examination have been scheduled to commence on Tuesday 12th June 2012 at Medway Council Offices, Chatham and are expected to conclude by Friday 22nd June.

Miss Laura Graham BSc MA MRTPI, is the Inspector who has been appointed to carry out the Examination of the Core Strategy. The purpose of the Hearings is to assist her to determine the soundness of the Core Strategy.

I have been appointed as Programme Officer for this Examination and will deal with all procedural, administrative and programming matters. The Inspector will not be holding a Pre-Hearing Meeting and has issued a Guidance Note (see attached) detailing the hearing procedures. In addition I have attached the Inspectors Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQ's).

People who made representations on the Publication Version Core Strategy had the opportunity to indicate on their representation form whether they wished to participate in the Hearings. However I am taking this opportunity to request that all Representors reconfirm their intention, preferably by email, as circumstances may have changed (see also Point 6 of Inspector's Guidance Note). It is essential for the programming of the Hearings that I know by **11th May 2012** whether you intend to participate. Please note that the Hearings are open to members of the public to observe so you also have the option to attend as an observer only (see Point 7 of Inspector's Guidance Note). If you have any special requirements e.g as a wheelchair user, please let me know.

All attendees, whether Participants or Observers, must arrive in good time for the start of the Hearing sessions as you will need to be registered at reception

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and issued with a security pass before proceeding to Room 9 on Level 3 at the Council Offices. Hearings will commence punctually at 10.00am.

Please check the Core Strategy public Examination page of the Medway Council website www.medway.gov.uk/ldf for up to date information.

The detailed Hearings Programme will be forwarded to participants in due course and also placed on the website. For any other queries regarding the examination process or timetabling please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Alison Rock
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Attachments:

Inspector's Guidance Note

Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions

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