

# LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK EXAMINATION MEDWAY COUNCIL

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Date: 1 May 2013

Mr Graham Warren  
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Dear Mr Warren,

Those who have a right to appear and be heard are limited to those persons that are defined in the 2004 Act (as amended), i.e. any person(s) that has made representations seeking a change to the DPD. You made representations, given the reference 45, in August 2011. However, your representation relates primarily to issues of overall housing delivery, including the reliance on Lodge Hill, but you did not make a specific representation relating to Policy CS33. Accordingly you were invited to participate in the hearing session dealing with housing supply and demand issues last year and the significance of Lodge Hill was debated in that context. The Council has not yet proposed any modifications to the submission Core Strategy, and I am not of the view that it would assist me to revisit general housing issues at this stage. I have read your representations made in response to the SA Addendum consultation but I am not convinced that your comments raise any matters that those already invited to appear will not be able to address, particularly bearing in mind that the discussion will focus on the issues I have identified.

It is evident that there is significant public interest in this issue and I have received a number of additional requests to appear. I do not wish to set a precedent for participation at the hearing by people who do not have a clear right to appear. In all the circumstances I am not extending an invitation to you to participate in the forthcoming hearing. However, I am prepared to accept a written statement from you which complies with the updated guidance notes, available on the website or from the Programme Officer. It is a fundamental principle of the Examination process that written representations carry the same weight as any oral evidence. You are, of course, welcome to attend the hearing to observe the proceedings.

*Laura Graham*

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