

## WYRE LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL REVIEW EXAMINATION

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**To: Steve Smith, Planning Policy and Economic Development Manager**

Date: 20 May 2022

Dear Mr Smith

### **Wyre Local Plan Partial Review Examination – Introductory letter**

I write to introduce myself as the Inspector appointed to examine the Wyre Local Plan Partial Review (the Plan)<sup>1</sup>.

#### ***Main Modifications***

In doing so and in accordance with Section 20 (7C) of the Planning Act 2004, I would request written confirmation that the Council would wish me to recommend any Main Modifications (MMs) which are necessary to make the Plan sound, on the assumption that it is feasible that such modifications could make the Plan sound.

#### ***Additional Modifications***

The Council has submitted a draft Schedule of Additional Modifications (AMs) to the Plan (SDPR02). These suggested AMs have not been subject to consultation and do not form part of the submitted Plan. The Council is of the view that the changes do not go to 'soundness' and therefore could comprise AMs. I will consider these suggested AMs in due course. If, after further scrutiny, any of these suggested changes go to 'soundness' they would be MMs and need to be included as part of any Schedule of MMs developed during the examination. I will advise you if I think that this is the case.

#### ***Submission and Evidence Documents***

I have assessed the Submission and Evidence Documents provided and can confirm that the prescribed documents required under Regulation 22 have been provided. Amongst the evidence documents are some that relate in part to housing supply (EDPR03 and EDPR04). Although we are in the early part of 2022/23, I understand that it will be possible to provide an update on housing land supply to reflect the

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<sup>1</sup> The Plan subject to examination is the Publication Draft Wyre Local Plan Partial Review (2011-2031) Schedule of Revisions to the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) November 2021 (SDPR01)

position at 31 March 2022. In order to provide the opportunity to comment, this should be provided as soon as possible but, not later than 2 weeks before the statement deadline.

### ***Hearings***

I understand from the Programme Officer that the week commencing 26 September 2022 is suitable for the hearing sessions. I would envisage that 3 days should be sufficient to deal with the Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs) that are likely to arise (Tuesday-Thursday). However, the Friday of that week should be reserved in the event that discussion on an issue have not been completed or for dealing with additional evidence that I have asked the Council to prepare to support of the soundness of the Plan.

In accordance with Regulation 24, of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, notice of the commencement of the hearings should be published by 15 August at the latest. The Council's preferred approach of holding the hearings as an in-person event is acceptable. However, it may be beneficial, as a back-up, to have the facility to join the hearings by video link.

Taking into account the number of representors who are likely to wish to appear (5 or so), a Committee Room may be suitable rather than the Council Chamber.

### ***Guidance Note and Examination Timeline***

The Programme Officer will be writing to representors soon asking for confirmation as to whether they wish to appear at the hearings and drawing attention to the Examination Guidance Note which will soon be available on the examination website. The Guidance Note will set out some key stages and deadlines for the examination. In summary these are as follows:

- By 24 June – publication of the MIQs and draft hearing programme
- By 15 August – 6-week notice period for the start of the hearings
- By 9 September – deadline for submission of statements
- 27-29 September– hearings

If you require any clarification regarding the above or any other matter please contact me via the Programme Officer.

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

Yours sincerely  
*Mark Dakeyne*

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