

This note concerns the forthcoming Stage 3 hearings and is addressed to the following:

1. Those who originally made representations at the Publication stage of the Plan
2. A small number of other interested parties who have asked to be kept informed of progress
3. Those who responded to the Council's recent consultation exercise (details of which may be found on the Examination webpage mentioned below).

The general format for the hearings, and option to submit further comments, is largely the same as for previous hearing sessions but will be less familiar to those who have participated more recently and for the first time via the consultation exercise. I am now providing the following information regarding the Stage 3 hearings:

1. The Inspector's Questions ('IQs').
2. Guidance Note relating to the above – these Notes provide additional information if you wish to participate further
3. Draft timetable for the hearings.

You are welcome to contact me with specific queries as the hearings approach - however, please also continue to view the Examination webpage for latest updates:

<http://www.fylde.gov.uk/council/planning-policy--local-plan-/local-development-framework/www-fylde-gov-uk-examination/>

The related Submission webpage provides access to a comprehensive range of further information including the content of original representations.

Please would you view the documents accompanying this communication as soon as possible as these set out particular requirements and key dates for those wishing to participate or submit further material. It is not my intention to summarise these documents but I would nevertheless ask you to note in particular:

1. the deadline of **21.00hrs on Tuesday 28 November** for responses to the Inspector's IQs; **the same deadline applies regarding participation intentions** (see following paragraph)
2. that your response should identify to which IQ it relates; it is expected that this will have some relevance to your earlier representation or consultation response
3. IQ responses should ideally be sent by email but in all cases supplemented by prompt despatch, no later than the following day, of four paper copies to me at 15 Ottawa Close, Blackburn, BB2 7EB. (I will be happy to arrange the additional paper copies for those without printing facilities).

The Inspector will be aware of all previous contributions including the recent consultation responses and will consider these as part of her Examination into the Plan. If you are satisfied that your earlier comments adequately cover your views you do not need to take further action. However, your further involvement at this stage may include two options: a response to the Inspector's IQs and – if you feel a need to supplement this with a further contribution verbally – by participation in the forthcoming hearings. It is important that I now have your clear indication of those sessions in which you would like to participate, **as soon as possible but in any event no later than the same deadline date of 28 November**. Please note that participation in the hearings is only an option for those of you who are objecting to the Plan ie those in support should rely upon the Council's own presentation.

I will endeavour to circulate a list of anticipated participants to attendees in the week prior to the hearings. If you are representing an organisation or acting in a consultancy capacity please would

you advise me which individual(s) is likely to attend. If space is at a premium, there may be a need to limit table seats to one per representor/consultee.

In addition to those who wish to participate in discussion at the hearings, the event is also open to those who simply wish to observe. It is not necessary to formally advise me if you plan to attend in this manner but if possible a brief note would be appreciated to assist my preparations.

Your assistance as we approach the hearings will be appreciated, particularly as there are only short intervals between some of the key dates. To assist your own preparations, I will aim to have all IQ responses, including the Council's, uploaded to the Examination webpage promptly.

You are welcome to contact me if I need to elaborate upon any of the above or if I can be of further assistance.

Finally, a small request to those of you who have received this communication by post: if you have an email address and are content to use this for any future contact regarding the Local Plan, please let me have a short email to that effect.

Thank you.

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