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Examination of the Winchester District Local Plan

I am writing to you as you made a representation when Winchester City Council invited comments on the version of their Local Plan 2040 to be submitted for Examination (Regulation 19 stage). I can advise that the Secretary of State has appointed Inspector R Barrett MRTPI IHBC to hold an independent examination of the Winchester District Local Plan. They will determine whether it has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and that it is 'sound' i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

I have been appointed as the independent Programme Officer to assist the Inspector with all aspects of the examination, and my contact details are set out above. Prior to the hearing sessions of the examination the Inspectors do not have direct contact with either the Council or Representors. All communication with the Inspectors takes place through the appointed Programme Officer.

The Inspector is currently appraising the Local Plan and evidence base together with the representations received at the Regulation 19 stage. All the information on the examination is posted on the Inspectors' examination web pages and these can be accessed via the link below. The best way to keep in touch with the progress of the examination is to click on the link below and then on the Latest News page which will be updated regularly.

[Winchester District Local Plan Examination](#)

Information about the examination process can be found on the [Gov.uk website](#). This page includes the [Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations](#) which provides detailed practical advice for local authorities and [Guidance for Programme Officers](#). In addition, [Local plans: taking part in examinations](#) is a helpful guide about the whole Examination process for all participants.

I will be writing to you again when I am able to give you further information on the next steps in the examination, but this may not be for several weeks. Meanwhile, as I am your point of contact during the examination, if you have any queries at any stage of the examination, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to help.

If you would prefer not to receive any further information on the examination, please let me know and I will remove your details from the notification list.

Yours sincerely,

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