

Ashford Borough Council – Ashford Local Plan

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Dear Representor

Ashford Borough Council– Ashford Local Plan Examination

You should have received notification from the Council that the Local Plan has been submitted for examination. I understand from the information provided to me by the Council that you/your organisation submitted representations on the Council's Local Plan Consultations of 2016 & 2017. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Programme Officer responsible for assisting the Inspectors with all aspects of the Examination administration.

As you may know, Mr David Smith and Mr Steven Lee of the Planning Inspectorate have been appointed to conduct the Examination.

The Examination Hearings will commence at 9.30am on **Wednesday 11 April 2018** in the Council Chamber of the Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL. Fourteen Hearing days are scheduled over a number of weeks. In addition, various documents have now been published which you should be aware of. These comprise: -

- . **A Guidance Note** (ID/1) from the Inspectors containing further information about the hearings and how representations should be progressed and details about appearing at the hearings and submitting a written statement in advance;
- . **A Hearings Programme**;
- . **A list of issues** for the examination (ID/2); and
- . **Lists of issues and questions in two parts** which are to be addressed during the examination (ID/3) and (ID/4)

These documents and others can be found at: [Local Plan to 2030](#)

If you have previously indicated that you wish to take part in the Examination Hearings then you should **confirm** whether this is still the case as explained in the Inspectors Guidance Note. This will assist me in preparing a Schedule of participants for the Hearings and should be done by Wednesday 21 March for Weeks 1-4 and by Wednesday 25 April for Weeks 5-7.

If you have received a copy of this letter by post, but have an email address which I could use in the future please let me know, to assist with communications.

Yours sincerely



Programme Officer