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**Lewes District Council Examination of the Local Plan Part 2 – Site Allocations and Development Management**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

**Lewes District Council Examination of the Local Plan Document Part 2 – Site Allocations and Development Management**

As you will know on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 Lewes District Council submitted the above Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The Secretary of State has appointed Inspector Mike Fox BA(HONS) DIPTP MRTPI as Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate to carry out an independent examination of this Local Plan.

The Inspectors' task is to consider the soundness of the submitted plan, based on the criteria set out in paragraph 182 of the National Planning Policy Framework (the framework). I have been appointed as the independent Programme Officer. The Programme Officer is an independent officer of the examination and works on behalf of the Inspector to organise and manage the administrative and procedural matters of the examination process and is the appropriate point of contact for any queries in relation to the examination.

The Hearings are proposed to start at **10 am on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019. They will be held in: The Council Chamber, East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, East Sussex, BN7 1UE**

You will have indicated on your original representation form as to whether you wish to take part in the oral examination. It is essential for the programming of the examination that I know your current position with regards to your intentions to appear at the hearings. Therefore I would appreciate confirmation of your current position, which I am happy to receive via e-mail or letter by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 if possible.**

I will be using e-mail as the preferred method of communication as this is quicker and more cost effective as opposed to paper mailings. If you receive a paper copy of this letter and you are happy to receive further mailings electronically please let me have your e-mail address. However, if you would prefer paper please let me know.

I have attached the Inspectors' Guidance Note; Draft Matters Issues and Questions ; for your information. If you are not familiar with the process I strongly suggest you read through the Guideline Notes, which you will find helpful as well as the link below. Note also the deadline of **5.00pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019** for the submission of further statements in response to the Matters, Issues and Questions.

In addition The Planning Inspectorate has produced a booklet **Guidance from the Planning Inspectorate** and this can be found at:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/plans>

All documents submitted are available for viewing or download on the Lewes District Council Examination website at:

<https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-part-2-examination/>

If you have any queries on the scope of the Hearing process please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Banks". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Chris Banks**  
**Programme Officer**