
Wirral Council

Local Plan 2021 – 2037 Examination

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Representor:

Person ID:

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Contact:

Representations:

23rd December 2022

Dear Representor,

Examination of the Wirral Local Plan 2021 -2037

I am writing to you because you have made representations concerning the Wirral Local Plan 2021 - 2037 published by the Local Planning Authority under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

The Secretary of State has now appointed Inspectors Mike Worden BA (Hons) Dip TP MRTPI and Tom Bristow BA MSc MRTPI to carry out the independent examination of the Plan. The Inspectors will determine whether it has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and whether 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 Inspectors with all administrative aspects of the examination and my contact details are set out below. Outside of the hearing sessions which form part of the examination, the Inspectors do not have direct contact with either the Local Planning Authority or Representors. Therefore, all communications with the Inspectors will need to take place through me.

The Inspectors are currently appraising the Plan, the associated evidence and the representations submitted at the Regulation 19 stage, and I will be in contact again when I am able to provide further information on the examination process, including the timing of any hearing sessions. This might not be for a number of weeks. It is anticipated that the Inspectors' Initial Questions will be available in the new year through the examination library.

Representation Information

The information in bold at the top of this letter is information I hold regarding your representations. If any of this information is incorrect, please could you let me know so I can amend my records.

Single Representative

As you are no doubt aware many organisations and individuals wish to be heard in respect of the local plan. Often different organisations, for example residents groups or developers, are coming to the plan from similar perspectives. It is therefore common for such shared interest groups to identify a single spokesperson/ representative/ advocate to advance their collective views and speak on their behalf during hearings. A single representative is also extremely useful for the Inspectors, to effectively manage hearing sessions. In that context, it would be helpful if you could please inform me if your views are to be advanced by a representative during the hearings, and if so their contact details (and which other organisations/ individuals they represent) by 13th January 2023.

Participating in the hearings

You may have stated when completing your representations whether you intend to speak at the hearing sessions. It would assist me that if you do wish to exercise your right to be heard and intend to participate at the hearings to confirm by email to me; kerrytrueman@wirral.gov.uk by **13th January 2023**.

All information concerning the examination will be made available on the examination website which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/planning-and-building/local-plan-examination>

It is advised that representors keep themselves informed with examination updates by regularly checking the examination website and the Latest News page:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/planning-and-building/local-plan-examination/local-plan-examination-latest-news>

I am your point of contact throughout the examination process, and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me. However, 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 faithfully,

Kerry Trueman

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I am contracted by Wirral Council for the purposes of this examination only. I am impartial and work under the Inspectors' direction but use a Council email address to securely exchange information.