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Dear Sir / Madam

Flintshire Local Development Plan – Update regarding Submission / Examination / Notice of Pre-Hearing Meeting

As someone who has previously commented on the Plan or who has made representations on the Deposit LDP I am writing to provide an update on the progression of the Plan.

Submission – Following the consideration of representations received at Deposit consultation stage the Council approved at its meeting on 29/09/20 to submit the LDP without change to Welsh Government and the Planning Inspectorate for Wales for Examination. The submission of the LDP and all representations made, has now been confirmed by the Planning Inspectorate for Wales and an Examination will now be held. Details relating to the submission can be found at https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Planning/Submission.aspx .

Examination – An Examination into the LDP will be held early in 2021 and will be undertaken by Lead Planning Inspector Siân Worden BA MCD DipLH MRTPI and Assistant Inspector Claire MacFarlane BSc(Hons) MSc MRTPI. The role of the Inspectors is to carry out an independent assessment of the overall soundness of the plan and that it satisfies the statutory requirements for its preparation. Further details relating to the Examination will be made available on the Examination website which can be viewed at https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Planning/Flintshire-LDP-Examination-Home-Page.aspx .

Programme Officer – The Council has appointed a Programme Officer Kerry Trueman of Programme Officer Solutions Ltd who can be contacted on 07582 310364 or kerry.trueman@flintshire.gov.uk . The Programme Officer will assist the Inspectors in organising the Examination of the LDP and any queries relating to the organisation or running of the Examination should be made directly to Kerry. The

Programme Officer will shortly be contacting all those persons who made representations on the Deposit LDP in order to begin organising Hearing Sessions.

Please note that due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions relating to public gatherings, all Examination meetings and hearing sessions will be held virtually using the Council's video meeting software.

Pre-Hearing Meeting – Before the virtual Hearing Sessions take place the Inspectors will undertake a virtual Pre-Hearing Meeting on Tuesday 12th January 2021. The purpose of the meeting is not to debate the merit of the LDP but to provide information relating to procedural matters and the conduct of the Hearing Sessions. The Hearing Sessions will begin six weeks after the Pre-Hearing meeting has taken place. Further details including how to access the virtual sessions will be published on the Examination website in due course, which can be viewed at https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Planning/Flintshire-LDP-Examination-Home-Page.aspx . Participants at the Pre-Hearing Meeting are welcome to use the Welsh language and a translation facility will be made available.

Any general queries relating to the Plan itself can be directed to 01352 703213 or developmentplans@flintshire.gov.uk .

Yours faithfully

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