

Email 190417 from Programme Officer re recent consultation exercise.

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Subject: Eden Local Plan and hearings following recent consultation

Importance: High

This email is addressed to those consultees who sought participation in any future hearings arising from Eden's recent consultation exercise which ended on 10 April.

My role is independent of the Council and some of you will already be familiar with me in connection with my ongoing duties as Programme Officer for the Local Plan exercise. My tasks are largely of an administrative nature, reporting directly to the Inspector, and involve liaising with all parties in respect of formalities including forthcoming hearing sessions.

As part of their consultation exercise the Council indicated the prospect of hearing sessions in the week commencing Tuesday 2 May (ie following the Bank Holiday Monday). I expect to communicate further details regarding these hearings very shortly but thought that you would wish to be advised of current progress.

A total of 18 respondents have sought participation in hearings arising from the recent consultation and I presently envisage that these will result in two days of hearings:

1. An opening session in Penrith on Tuesday 2 May concerning all topics excluding those that relate to Kirkby Stephen and Brough
2. A second day on Wednesday 3 May where the focus will be on those responses relating to Kirkby Stephen and Brough (a total of 13 consultees sought participation regarding these two locations). I am aiming to achieve a location in Kirkby Stephen for this particular session.

Other than those who have sought participation, it is not my intention to correspond directly with other respondents to the recent consultation but I would note that the hearings are open to all who simply wish to observe proceedings. Once finalised, details will also be added to relevant Council webpages. However, if you are aware of intending observers, a brief note of names/numbers would be welcome to assist my arrangements for the hearings, particularly those relating to day one at Penrith where room size is more modest.

As mentioned, I will be in touch again shortly regarding further details regarding the hearings and this will also provide further information concerning the format and topics that the Inspector will wish to consider. **However, it would assist me greatly to have your early response concerning your availability for the dates above - please indicate which day(s).**

Further details regarding the Local Plan may be found on the following webpage:

<https://www.eden.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/eden-local-plan-2014-to-2032/eden-local-plan-2014-to-2032-examination/>

Thank you.

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