

## **Email 210417 from Programme Officer to hearing participants**

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**Subject:** Eden Local Plan hearings

This email is addressed to those recent consultation respondees who sought participation in any subsequent related hearing sessions and follows my preliminary email of 19 April.

I am now attaching agendas for the two days of hearings and you will recall that I have sought to devote the session on Wednesday 3 May to Kirkby Stephen and Brough topics, with the previous day to cover other issues. It is unlikely, therefore, that you will need to participate in both days but if you feel a need to do so I would welcome your contact.

Many of you will be familiar with the venue locations which comprise:

- Tuesday 2 May: Eden Rural Foyer (Bloomfield Suite), Old London Road, Penrith, CA11 8ET
- Wednesday 3 May: Upper Eden Rugby Club, Pennine Park, Westgarth, Kirkby Stephen, CA17 4TF

Hearings will commence at 10.00am on each day but access will be available from 9.00am. At this stage I am not able to predict finish times but if any of you have limited time available please let me know and I will aim to structure the timetable accordingly.

I expect to provide some further information next week regarding the hearings; I am also happy to speak to any of you regarding this if you wish to contact me. If any of you are unable to attend for any reason, or prefer to simply observe proceedings, it may well be that a spokesperson from other participants will be prepared to speak on your behalf. I have attached a list of those individuals who are on my current list of expected participants which you may find useful.

The purpose of the hearings is to assist the Inspector in considering the soundness of the Local Plan and in particular issues arising from the recent consultation. His agendas cover the topics he wishes to explore and your input should normally relate to those areas of interest that coincide with your consultation responses. The Inspector will invite comments directly to himself from both the Council and participants around the table and the intention is for this to be done in a user friendly and collaborative manner.

There is also the option for you to submit concise written comments in relation to the items now appearing on the Inspector's agendas, although there is no need to duplicate what has already been said in your consultation responses. Any such submissions enable me to bring relevant information to the attention of all parties prior to the start of hearings, although timescales are limited. With this in mind, any submissions – including those from the Council – should be with me by **Noon on Friday 28 April**, ideally by email. I will then endeavour to circulate these to all participants ahead of the hearings. All responses will be added to the Examination webpage where further information will continue to be added from time to time regarding the progress of the Examination:

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

The above webpage also has a link to the Council's consultation webpage and I am anticipating webpage updates next week to give access to the full set of recent consultation responses.

Finally, and importantly, if you have not yet responded to my earlier email, **please would you now confirm if it remains your intention to participate in the forthcoming hearings**. Ideally I would like to progress an updated list of participants by Tuesday 25 April. As mentioned in my earlier email, both sessions are open to anyone who simply wishes to observe, although a brief note of intended attendance would be very helpful to my preparations.

Thank you.

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