



NOTICE OF RESUMED INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION HEARINGS UNDER REGULATION 24 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

North Norfolk District Council submitted its proposed Local Plan for independent Examination in May 2023. The Secretary of State appointed Mr David Reed BSc DipTP DMS to undertake an independent examination as to the soundness and legal compliance of the Plan and to issue a report with his conclusions. Initial public hearing sessions took place from January to March 2024, following which the Inspector published his initial findings, detailing a number of matters which required further work and public consultation.

A **Further Consultation** on proposed changes to the Plan took place for a six-week period during November and December 2024. Following the Further Consultation, the Inspector requires further hearing sessions to take place to enable discussion on the identified matters. Any matters covered during the initial hearings in January to March 2024 will not be revisited unless directly affected by the new proposals set out in the Further Consultation.

Date and time of hearings

As part of the ongoing examination process, further hearings sessions will be held as follows:

- Tuesday 8 April (Matter A - Additional Housing Sites)
- Wednesday 9 April (Matter A continued)
- Thursday 10 April (Matter B - Small Growth Villages; Matter C - Misc Questions)

The hearing sessions will commence on Tuesday 8 April 2025 at 10:00am and shall be chaired by Mr David Reed BSc DipTP DMS on behalf of the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). All subsequent sessions will commence at 9:30am (morning) and 1:30pm (afternoon) unless detailed otherwise on the North Norfolk District Council website.

Place

Committee Room, North Norfolk Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer NR27 9EN.

Attendance

The hearing sessions can be attended by interested members of the public who wish to observe proceedings. Participation at the hearings is managed by the Programme Officer by prior arrangement. Only those who made representations during the Further Consultation period are entitled to speak, however there is no requirement to do so as the written representations already submitted will be taken fully into account. Duplication and repetition will not be permitted, so those wishing to make similar points should appoint a spokesperson or seek to input into the views of a representative body such as a town or parish council (where these are appearing).

Availability of documents

The programme for the further hearings (subject to change), the inspectors matters and issues for discussion, accompanying letter/guidance, this notice, and the entire suite of Examination Library documents can be viewed in section 1 of the examination library, at: www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplanexamination.

The examination documents are available for inspection at North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN during normal office opening hours. Prior notice should be given by email to planning.policy@north-norfolk.gov.uk or 01263 516318 in order that the relevant documents can be made available to you at an agreed time.

Further information

Additional information about the examination including latest news, can be viewed at: www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplanexamination

An independent Programme Officer, Mrs Annette Feeney, was appointed to administer the examination, including organisation of the public hearing sessions, and dealing with procedural matters. The Programme Officer is independent from North Norfolk District Council and reports to the appointed inspector.

All procedural queries or other matters relating to the North Norfolk Local Plan Examination (including appearing at the examination hearings) should be sent to the Programme Officer using the details available at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplanexamination

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