

## **Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan**

### **Preliminary Notification of a hearing**

#### **Independent Examiner's Note**

##### ***Context***

This note clarifies the next stages of the examination process.

The examination of the submitted Plan is proceeding well. I have visited the neighbourhood area, read the submitted documents and the representations made to the Plan. I have also prepared a clarification note and read the responses to that note.

##### ***Hearing***

I am satisfied that most of the Plan can be examined by way of written representations.

However, in accordance with paragraph 9(3) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 I have concluded that it is necessary to hold a hearing on the following policies:

- Policy CNDP6 – Future Housing Growth; and
- Policy CNDP7 – Protecting Local Green Space.

For clarity, the hearing will not consider the current planning application for residential development on Land to the East of Windermere Avenue, Colne (22/0790/OUT). This application overlaps with the land proposed to be designated as a local green space (Upper Rough LGS4) in the submitted Plan. The determination of that planning application is a separate matter for the Borough Council in its capacity as the local planning authority.

##### ***Timing and Location***

I am satisfied that the hearing can be held in a traditional fashion. I have asked the Borough Council to liaise with the various parties to agree a date for the hearing and to identify an appropriate venue in the neighbourhood area.

##### ***The participants***

Colne Town Council (the qualifying body) and Pendle Borough Council (the local planning authority) will be entitled to make oral representations at the hearing. In addition, Lidgett and Beyond and Little Cloud Limited will be invited to attend the hearing.

##### ***The organisation of the hearing***

Given the matters to be considered and the number of participants, it is likely that the hearing will run between approximately 10.00 and 16.00 on the day selected.

The hearing will be organised around a series of sessions which will look at specific issues raised by the two policies. There will be breaks between each session. One of the breaks will be longer than the others to accommodate time for lunch.

The various parties should be represented by no more than two persons at each of the sessions.

The public are welcome to attend the hearing. However, there will be no opportunity for other bodies or the public to participate directly.

***The format of the hearing***

I will issue a more detailed note once the date of the hearing has been determined.

***The examiner's report***

I will finalise my report on the submitted Plan as quickly as possible after the hearing. The elements of the report on the remainder of the Plan will have been completed before the hearing takes place.

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