

# Stathern Neighbourhood Plan 2020-2036

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## Programme for the next stages of the Examination

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1. On 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021, I issued my Additional Comments document which noted that the Borough Council was not at that time in a position to respond to the questions that I had raised in my Further Comments document, dated 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, which sought responses from the Borough Council to a number of matters, including the submissions made by Marrons Planning Ltd.
2. The Borough Council that informed me that it was unable to respond to those questions, until the outcome of the Section 288 challenge, had been decided by the court. At that time, no date had been set for the judicial hearing and since that time the examination of this neighbourhood plan has essentially been held in abeyance,
3. The court hearing took place on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and I have recently been advised that the judgement is expected to be handed down on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
4. I now wish to set out my proposed timescales for the next stages of the examination. Upon receipt of the judgement, I have asked that a copy will be sent to me by the Borough Council. At the same time, it will review the judgement and having considered its contents will be in a position to respond formally to the issues raised in the Marrons Planning's letter dated 22nd April 2021 and also to the questions that I asked of the Borough Council in my Further Comments document which I issued on 4th May 2021. I propose to give the Borough Council a three-week period from the date of the judgement to provide that response.
5. I will then offer Marrons Planning Ltd a three- week period to comment on the Borough Council's response. At the same time, I will allow the Parish Council an opportunity to comment on the Borough Council's response and also a chance to comment on the issues raised by the Marron's Planning original letter which challenges some of the original responses from the Parish Council.
6. I will then offer a final short 2-week opportunity for all parties to offer comments on any of the representations submitted pursuant to the above.
7. I also reserve the right to request further representations on matters that stem directly from the judgement, if necessary.
8. I am copying this document to the Borough Council and the Parish Council and at this stage, and ask that the Borough Council forward it to Marrons Planning Ltd to note. I will also ask copy this note be placed on the respective websites so the information is in the public domain.

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