

Asfordby 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.

The Need for a 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 in order to ensure an adequate examination of the Plan it is necessary to hold a hearing on Policy A1: Areas of Separation.

All other elements of the Plan will continue to be examined by way of written representations and as described in the examination arrangements note (16 January 2023).

Date 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 and to identify an appropriate venue for the hearing in the neighbourhood area.

The participants

Asfordby Parish Council (the qualifying body) and Melton Borough Council (the local planning authority) will be entitled to make oral representations at the hearing. In addition, Jelson Homes and Deeley Homes 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 for approximately three hours.

The hearing will be an opportunity for the four participants to respond to my questions on Policy A1. The public are welcome to attend the hearing. However, there will be no opportunity for other bodies or the public to participate directly in the hearing.

The format of the hearing

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

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.

There will be no separate report on the hearing. Its findings will be incorporated into the examiner's report on the submitted Plan.

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