

Further to comments submitted in respect of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Local Plan consultation, I email to inform you that the Secretary of State has appointed Planning Inspectors Helen Hockenhull BA(Hons) B.PI MRTPI and Thomas Hatfield BA(Hons) MPLAN MRTPI to conduct an Examination into the soundness and legal compliance of the Local Plan.

I will act as Programme Officer for the Examination and will be responsible for assisting the Inspectors with the administrative and procedural aspects of the Examination process. I am not an Officer of the Council and have not been involved in the preparation of the Local Plan. I will be your primary point of contact for any queries you may have throughout the Examination process.

The Inspectors are adopting a staged approach to the Examination. Part 1 will consider Matters of Legal Compliance and the Overall Housing Need and Requirement only. **Part 1 Hearing Sessions will commence at 10am on the 21 January 2025 within the Council Chamber of BCP Civic Centre, Bourne Avenue, Bournemouth, BH2 6DY.**

Following consideration of these matters, the Inspectors will decide on the appropriate next steps for the process. Should the Examination progress, additional hearings will be identified in due course to consider further matters with separate arrangements being made.

[Guidance Notes](#) have been prepared by the Inspectors to explain many of the procedural and administrative aspects of the process. The Inspectors' [Part 1 Matters, Issues and Questions](#) provide the framework for any further written submissions you may wish to make and provide the foundation for discussions during the hearing sessions. The [Part 1 Hearing Programme](#) sets out the schedule for the Part 1 Hearings.

An [Examination Website](#) has been established and will be regularly updated throughout the process.

As a respondent, you have three options available to you in relation to the Part 1 Examination Stage:

1. If you are content to rely on your original comments, do not intend to provide any further written comments or are interested in matters beyond the scope of the Part 1 Hearings there is no need for you to do anything further at this stage.
2. If objections were raised within your consultation response to either Legal Compliance or the issues of overall Housing Need and Requirement you are welcome to submit further comments in response to the questions the Inspectors have identified. The deadline for submission of Written Statements is **noon on 19 December 2024**
3. If the Part 1 Matters identified are relevant to your consultation response and you wish to participate in either or both of the Part 1 Hearing Matters, please let me know by **5pm on 13 December 2024**. Representors requesting to participate during the hearing sessions are also welcome to supply Written Statements should they wish to do so, in accordance with the guidance and deadline.

If you have any queries at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me and I shall be happy to assist.

Regards  
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