

**SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK –
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF SOUTH HAMS SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN
DOCUMENTS**

I understand from the records of South Hams District Council that you have submitted representation(s) on the South Hams Site Allocations Development Plan Documents (DPDs).

The Secretary of State has appointed Ms Mary Travers BA(Hons) DipTP MRTPI and Mr David Hogger BA MSc MRTPI MCIHT, of the Planning Inspectorate, to conduct the Examination into the compliance and soundness of the DPDs.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Programme Officer responsible for assisting the Inspectors with all aspects of the Examination administration. I am independent of the Council, and work directly to the Inspectors.

PRE-HEARING MEETING

A Pre-Hearing Meeting (PHM) will take place on **Tuesday 21 September 2010** at Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes TQ9 5NE at **11:00am**.

Attached are the Inspectors' Advance Notes for guidance.

The purpose of the PHM is to explain and discuss procedural and administrative matters relating to the management of the Examination, including the programme for the hearings, the matters to be examined and related questions, the running order and participants, the methods of dealing with representations, the timetable for submitting statements, and any other relevant matters.

I will contact you again before the PHM with the Inspectors' agenda for the meeting and draft hearing programme.

Please note that this meeting is to explain how the Examination process will proceed - the content and merits of the DPDs and the representations will not be discussed at this meeting.

ATTENDANCE AT THE PHM

If you are expecting to attend the PHM, please let me know by return email by **Thursday 2 September 2010**.

Thank you for your co-operation.

EXAMINATION HEARING SESSIONS

The hearing sessions of the Examination are expected to commence in early November 2010.

I will contact you again before the PHM to confirm the dates and venue for the hearings, along with the Inspectors' draft timetable and issues to be discussed at the hearings.

In the meantime, information about compliance and soundness and the examination process in general can be downloaded from the Planning Inspectorate website

http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/appeals/local_dev/index.htm

A brief guide to examining development plan documents

http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/appeals/local_dev/dpd/brief_guide_examining_dpd.pdf

Examining Development Plans Documents: Soundness Guidance

http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/appeals/local_dev/dpd_procedure_guide_aug09.pdf

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are unable to access the above internet links, or have any other queries.

Regards, Robert Young

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South Hams Site Allocations DPDs Examination

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