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INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE WESTFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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To Westfield Parish Council and Bath & North East Somerset Council

By
email

Dated 24 May 2018

Dear Lesley and George

Westfield Neighbourhood Development Plan Independent Examination

Further to my email of 16 May 2018 (which I requested should be posted on the Parish Council and B&NES Council websites), and the formal commencement of the Independent Examination on my receipt of the Regulation 16 representations on 16 May 2018, I am writing to provide you with an update with respect to my progress in undertaking the Independent Examination of the Westfield Neighbourhood Development Plan. I request this further email should be posted on the websites also.

I have read through the Plan documents, much of the supporting evidence, and all of the representations submitted. I have made good progress in preparing my report. I have not, to date, identified any critical omissions or failings that would mean the Plan could not proceed to referendum.

The Plan is comprehensive in nature covering a wide range of topics and there appears to be good quality evidence to support most of the policies. I have identified a small number of policies that will require my further detailed consideration.

At this stage I do not intend to call a hearing although I must reserve the ability to do so if I subsequently consider this to be necessary. If there are any matters that require a written clarification I will write to both the Parish Council and B&NES Council.

My best estimate is that I will be able to work through the outstanding issues within one week.

As soon as it is prepared, it is my intention to send a confidential draft of my report to both the Parish Council and to B&NES Council. If either Council share the draft with other parties

please ensure the confidential nature of the draft is made clear. I will be sending the draft report for fact checking only, so that I may correct any errors of fact. I normally ask for a response within a few days and this has usually been found to be sufficient. This procedure should not be seen as an opportunity to make further representations. Indeed, it is important that this should not occur as if I were to take into consideration further representations made after the period for representations has closed, this could leave the process open to successful challenge.

I would be grateful if both the Parish Council and the B&NES Council could by return confirm agreement to be given the opportunity to undertake a fact check of my confidential draft report on the terms set out in this email.

Regards

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