Email 260718 from Programme Officer to representors re hearings programme

From: Tony Blackburn Sent: 26 July 2018 09:08

Subject: Craven Local Plan hearings and timetable

This communication is addressed to those who made representations at the Publication stage of the Craven Local Plan. Progress of the Plan may be found on the following webpage from where original representations may be viewed:

https://www.cravendc.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-local-plan/craven-district-council-local-plan-examination/

My role is independent of the Council and provides administrative support to the Inspector. This includes arrangements regarding a series of public hearings when the Plan will be examined by the Inspector in more detail. The purpose of this email is to provide information regarding those hearings and also to seek your feedback on whether you wish to participate or simply rely upon your original representation.

I will be providing further information around the middle of August and this will include a formal timetable and a schedule of the topics which the Inspector expects to cover in the Examination hearings. However, I am able to advise you that we expect a comprehensive series of hearings to commence at the Council Belle Vue offices on Tuesday 9 October and run until Friday 26 October.

At this stage, to assist my preparations, I would be grateful if you would let me know if you envisage participating at the hearings. A reply within the next 7-10 days would be helpful. It is important to stress that the original written representations carry the same weight as those made orally at a Hearing session and the Inspector will have full regard to these. Consequently, participation at the Hearings is only necessary if, in the light of the topics scheduled by the Inspector, you have specific points you wish to contribute at the Hearing, including to any related discussion. The hearings will also be open for those who simply wish to observe proceedings.

My further communication anticipated in mid-August will provide a final opportunity to confirm your participation intentions.

Contact addresses for this communication were taken from the original representations – if someone else is now dealing with this matter on your behalf please could I ask you to forward this on accordingly and also let me have details for future contact.

Thank you – please feel welcome to contact me if any of the above requires further elaboration or if I can assist with any other topics regarding the Examination.

Tony