

**Examination of the Harrow Local Plan 2021-2041****Inspector:** Ms. Christa Masters MA (Hons) FRTPI

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**By email only**

Dear Mr Hughes,

**EXAMINATION OF HARROW'S NEW LOCAL PLAN 2021-2041**

By way of introduction, I am the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out an independent examination of the Harrow Local Plan. I am appointed under Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Plan I am examining is Harrow's New Local Plan 2021-2041. I look forward to working with the Council to progress the examination and set out below a number of initial queries and points of clarification.

I am in the process of undertaking some initial preparation work in relation to the examination with a view to being able to issue my Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQ's) in the coming weeks upon which further written statements will be invited. I have been liaising with the appointed Programme Officer, Louise St John Howe and I am grateful to the Council for providing a database of the Regulation 19 representations which is searchable by policy number and representor number. I have also been provided with a hard copy of the Regulation 19 Plan and I am awaiting a printed version of the policies map which I understand is underway.

Document CSD05 lists a number of modifications. I should emphasise that my role is to examine the submitted plan as published under Regulation 19. It is my role to only recommend those main modifications which are necessary for soundness or legal compliance. Notwithstanding this, please could the Council separate the modifications out and identify what they consider would be a main modification and what would be an additional modification. These should be presented in table form on a word document and the Council should set out clearly why they consider the modification is necessary for soundness.

Are there any additional pieces of evidence which are not before me which the Council will be relying upon? If there is anything please could the Council advise (i) what the document is (ii) reason why it wasn't included with the original submission (iii) timetable for the submission of the document.

I am in the process of looking at indicative dates for the hearings to take place. At this stage, I anticipate that we will need 8/10 days sitting. Have the Council given any consideration to a venue for the hearing sessions? The venue needs to be DDA compliant, and the hearings will take place in person. I am not anticipating that these would be run as blended events. My preference would be for these hearings to take place in June however I understand that the Council have issues with Barrister availability during June? The suggested alternative dates at the end of July are also not possible due to the availability of the Programme Officer. It would therefore be my strong preference if we could secure suitable dates in June or early July at the latest so that the examination is not unduly delayed. I would therefore request that the Council looks to secure a suitable venue and dates, even if these are not on consecutive days/weeks, as soon as possible.

I would be grateful if the Council could provide a full response on the above points no later than 1 April 2025.

Yours Sincerely

*C Masters*

INSPECTOR