

STANDISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN Submission Draft Version

**Commencement of Examination Procedural Note
Standish Neighbourhood Development Plan
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I am writing to confirm that I have commenced the examination of the Standish Neighbourhood Development Plan. All contact will be through a named representative of the Local Planning Authority. They will be responsible for forwarding all correspondence (except for contractual matters) to the representative of the Qualifying Body. All correspondence between myself, the Local Planning Authority and the Qualifying Body (except for contractual matters) should be placed on the Local Authority's website to ensure that the examination is conducted in an open and transparent manner.

From my initial appraisal of the submitted documents I consider that it is unlikely that a hearing will be necessary, provided that I receive satisfactory answers to any questions and matters for clarification.

I have undertaken a detailed appraisal of the background documents to check that the legal requirements have been satisfied and that adequate consultation has taken place to meet the requirements of the Regulations. I shall be grateful for the response of the Local Planning Authority and/or Qualifying Body to the following:

1. The Consultation Statement provides very limited information about how the consultations on the preparation of the draft plan were carried out. I am required to check that adequate consultation has taken place. Would the QB confirm:
 - a. The dates of any events held after the Visioning Event;
 - b. The dates and method of carrying out any surveys;
 - c. The methods used to publicise the consultation, in particular the Regulation 14 consultations;
 - d. The number of responses and the issues raised to the second Regulation 14 consultation in 2021;
 - e. Would you confirm the dates that consultation was carried out with the statutory environmental bodies on the SEA and HRA and would you provide me with a copy of their responses.

2. Would you provide me with the Policies Map (with Inset Maps if necessary) that shows the location of sites, areas and PROW proposals. The figures in the Plan show a mixture of background information and sites from the policies and it is not clear which constitute the Policies Map. Figure 14 is titled as conditional and does not show the location of the site within the plan area.

3. Would the QB like to make any comments on the representations that have been made to the Submission draft consultation on the SNDP?

I shall undertake a detailed appraisal of the Plan and the policies to ensure that they satisfy the Basic Conditions, taking account of any representations. Following which I shall write to the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body to seek clarification on any matters or to request further information.

- I anticipate that I will present my Examination Questions and matters for clarification to the Local Planning Authority by 18 February. This will also seek agreement to any significant wording changes to policies.
- I will allow 4 weeks for a response by the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body. (18 March)
- Following receipt of responses to my questions and matters of clarification, I will prepare my draft Examination Report for fact checking.
- I will allow 7 days for a response by the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body.
- I anticipate that I will issue my final report to the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body by the end of March.

All dates are indicative at this stage and may be revised, if necessary, should significant issues or additional questions arise or extensions of time be requested by the Local Planning Authority and/or Qualifying Body.

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