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Dear Representor,

**Examination of the Folkestone & Hythe District Council Core Strategy Review**

Following the recent announcement regarding the new national restrictions relating to Coronavirus (CoVid 19) the Inspectors and the Council consider it would now be unsafe to proceed with the physical hearings.

The hearing sessions will now proceed entirely “virtually” using video conferencing technology to protect the health of all participants. The timetable for hearing sessions has been put back to allow all the necessary arrangements to be made and to provide adequate notification.

Formal notification that the hearing sessions will now commence as a fully “Virtual” event commencing at 09:30 on Tuesday December 15, 2020 is listed below:

**Folkestone & Hythe District Council**

Core Strategy Review (CSR)

Notice of Examination Hearings

**Regulation 24 of the  
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)  
(England) Regulations 2012**

The Folkestone & Hythe District Council Core Strategy Review (CSR) was submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination on 10 March 2020.

The Secretary of State has appointed Inspectors **Mr Kevin Ward BA (Hons) MRTPI** and **Mr Philip Mileham BA (Hons) MRTPI** to undertake an independent Examination of the ‘soundness’ and legal compliance of the CSR and subsequently issue a report with their conclusions.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, it is proposed that the hearing sessions will be held as a “virtual event”. This will involve the Inspectors, Council officers and invited participants being heard “virtually” through the use of video conferencing or phone in. This will use the Zoom” video conferencing system. Only those involved directly within the virtual hearing sessions will be invited to the “Zoom” sessions.

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The hearing sessions will be live streamed and recorded for any interested parties to view.

**Venue:** Hearing sessions will be held virtually using “Zoom” video conferencing

**Online:** The hearing sessions will be streamed live at: [bit.ly/YouTubeMeetings](https://bit.ly/YouTubeMeetings)

**Dates and Times:**

The hearing sessions will start at 09.30 on Tuesday 15 December 2020.

*Details of how the hearings will operate having regard to the latest legislation and Government guidance relating to the coronavirus pandemic will be set out in a note to be published in due course. If that legislation and/or guidance changes prior to or during the programmed hearing sessions, procedures and dates may need to be changed.*

Further details of the Examination, including the programme for Hearing sessions are available to view on the Core Strategy Review Examination webpage at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/core-strategy-review>

**Programme Officer:**

For any queries relating to the public hearings, please contact the independent Programme Officer for the examination:

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Once I have any further details I will publish them on the Council’s website and if you have any further questions regarding this letter or on the Examination please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope you are managing in these continuing challenging times and thank you for your patience during the examination process.

Yours faithfully,



Caroline Williams  
**Programme Officer**