

## Folkestone and Hythe District Council – Core Strategy Review 2020

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Dear Representor,

### Examination of the Folkestone & Hythe District Core Strategy Review

I wrote to you on 19 March 2020, to inform you that the examination of the Folkestone & Hythe District Council (FHDC) Core Strategy Review had commenced. I can now advise you that the hearing sessions forming part of the examination are in the process of being planned.

However at this stage of the examination the Inspectors are unable to set the date for the opening of the hearing sessions and a specific timetable for each session. Given the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and the public health safeguarding and social distancing measures in operation, the hearing sessions cannot currently take place in the form envisaged. The Inspectors will keep this situation under regular review and liaise with the Council as the situation evolves.

The Inspectors have published the following documents concerning the examination, including an indicative running order for the sessions:

- Inspector's Guidance Notes
- Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQ's)
- Indicative Running Order for Hearing Sessions

The Inspectors' Guidance Notes explain the procedures which will be followed during the examination. The document sets out the arrangements for submitting pre-hearing statements if you wish to do so and requires you to inform me in writing if you intend to participate (speak) at the hearings by **5pm on Friday June 12, 2020**. Can you please confirm what session/sessions you wish to speak at following the guidelines from the Inspectors' Guidance Notes?

The Inspector's MIQ's identify the main issues of soundness and legal compliance upon which the examination will focus, including during the hearing sessions once the dates are confirmed.

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All written statements should be sent to the Programme Officer preferably electronically by the deadline of **5pm on Friday 3 July, 2020**. Please refer to the Inspectors' Guidance notes for their requirements.

All information and documentation relevant to the examination is currently available on the Folkestone & Hythe District Website and the latest information can be found at:

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/core-strategy-review-2020/news-and-updates>

As soon as I have any further information regarding the date of the first hearing it will be added to the Council's website. If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter or how to submit a statement for the hearing sessions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

Yours faithfully,

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**Caroline Williams**  
Programme Officer

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