

FHDC EX014

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Dear Representor,

Examination of the Folkestone & Hythe District Core Strategy Review

I wrote to you on 22 May 2020, to inform you about the next stages of the examination of the Folkestone & Hythe District Council (FHDC) Core Strategy Review. This included the publication of the:

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

I can now confirm that the hearing sessions forming part of the examination will be held as a "blended event" commencing on Tuesday November 3, 2020.

Formal notification regarding the dates and venue for the hearings is listed below:

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 "blended event". This will involve the Inspectors, Council officers and invited participants being present in the Council Chamber with appropriate social distancing, sanitisation and other safety precautions in place. Other invited participants who are unable to attend in person will be heard "virtually" through the use of video conferencing or phone in. In order to limit the number of people present, it is not possible to attend in person to observe the hearing sessions, and only invited participants will be given access to the building. The hearing sessions will be live streamed and recorded for any interested parties to view.

Venue:

Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2XY

Online: The hearing sessions will be streamed live at: bit.ly/YouTubeMeetings

Dates and Times:

The hearing sessions will start at 09.30 on Tuesday 3rd November 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. As I'm sure you will appreciate, the public examination is being held in very challenging and fast-changing circumstances. If the legislation and/or guidance changes prior to or during the programmed hearing sessions, procedures and dates of hearings may need to be changed; in these circumstances all participants will be informed as soon as possible

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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As soon as I have further information regarding the examination and/or any changes to the hearings I will publish it on the Council's website.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter or any other questions regarding the examination 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,



Caroline Williams
Programme Officer

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