

# **BRIDSTOW NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN Submission Draft Version**

**Commencement of Examination Procedural Note  
Bridstow Neighbourhood Development Plan  
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I am writing to confirm that I have commenced the examination of the Bridstow 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:

I have noted the comments made by Natural England concerning the Screening Assessment for HRA and the officer comments in your Progression to Examination Report. I should be obliged if you would provide me with the LPA's position statement explaining why the use of Policy SD4 is not considered to be mitigation and your legal advice that an AA is not required for this NDP.

I have noted that some comments have been made in the representations to the Submission draft Plan that they consider that the consultation was inadequate. Would the LPA confirm that the consultation has been carried out in accordance with the Regulations.

Would the QB provide me with a link to the Housing Site Assessment Report referred to in the NDP and any other relevant background reports that are relied on. The link from footnote 7 of the NDP does not take me to it.

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 20 August. This will also seek agreement to any significant wording changes to policies.
- I will allow 14 days for a response by the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body. (3 September)
- 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 mid September.

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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