

SUBMISSION DRAFT GILSTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2020-2033

EXAMINATION

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 10AM

1. I am appointed as the independent Examiner of the above Neighbourhood Plan (NP), and my examination is already under way. I am primarily relying on the written material—the Submission Plan and its supporting documentation—that the NPG submitted to East Herts District Council, together with the representations that were made to it.
2. I have called a public Hearing—which is only part of my examination—because I consider that a Hearing is necessary to ensure adequate examination of certain important issues. I will shortly set out the Agenda for the Hearing.
3. A Hearing normally takes place physically in a meeting room. That is not possible in present COVID circumstances. It will therefore take place remotely by electronic means. The Council have kindly agreed to host the technical aspects of the Hearing, probably by Zoom. They will in due course circulate details of joining instructions.
4. **The parties I invite to attend the hearing are:**
  - a. **The NPG**
  - b. **The Council**
  - c. **A representative(s) of each landowner**
  - d. **A representative(s) of Hunsdon House**
5. I will lead discussion of the Agenda topics. At the start of the Hearing I will explain more fully how it will proceed. There will be a moment for the public or attendees to ask me questions about the process, but not address me on the NP or its merits.
6. The Hearing is for my benefit and so I will be asking the invited parties questions, and will open up a discussion to help me understand the issues. I will not allow any party to ask questions of any other party. Only those I have invited may take part in the discussions.
7. On 26 October 2020 I issued my Examiner’s Note 2, raising clearly and adequately the concerns I have as to the NP. I do not intend to elaborate on it in advance of the Hearing. If any party wishes to submit comments on that Note in writing before the Hearing, I will be

happy to receive them. They should be brief, and sent to me **no later than Friday 13 November.**

**Christopher Lockhart-Mummery QC**

**Examiner**

**29 October 2020**