

From: **Andrea Copsey**
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Subject: Additional hearing session - Wednesday 9 May 2018
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to advise you that **an additional examination hearing session for Matter 1 will be held on Wednesday 9 May 2018, at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, United Way, Colchester, Essex CO4 5UP, beginning at 9.30am.** An agenda for the additional hearing session is enclosed.

The session has been arranged following a specific request by Lightwood Strategic, made in an email of 12 February 2018, to appear before and be heard by the Inspector on Matter 1 in accordance with s20(6) of the *Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004*. Lightwood Strategic were not able to appear at the original Matter 1 hearing, held on 16 January 2018, because at that time their duly-made representations at the Regulation 19 consultation stage had not been registered. Their representations have since been registered and can be viewed on the Evidence Base page of the examination website, by opening the link to "Colchester representations received Section One Publication Draft Plan" and using the "Search representations" facility.

The purpose of the additional hearing session is to consider certain of the Matter 1 Questions insofar as they pertain to the representations made by Lightwood at the Regulation 19 consultation stage. The enclosed agenda sets out the specific questions for discussion at the hearing session.

The following participants are invited to the additional hearing session. They comprise all those who attended the original Matter 1 hearing session, and Lightwood Strategic.

The North Essex Authorities [NEAs]

Mr M Alsop (Alsop Verrill), for Great Bardfield Parish Council

Mr C Bailey (Clockhouse Town Planning)

Mr C Boyle QC & Mr R Walker (Pegasus Planning Group), for Lightwood Strategic

Mr R Gascoigne (Emery Planning Partnership), for The Williams Group

Mr E Gittins (Edward Gittins Associates), for various clients

Mr A Martin (Andrew Martin Planning Ltd), for Crest Nicholson Operations Ltd, RF West Ltd & Livelands

Mrs R Pearson (CAUSE)

Mr M Winslow (Basildon Borough Council)

Please note that there is no requirement on any of the above invitees to attend, if for example you do not wish to be heard on any of the specific questions on the agenda for discussion at the additional hearing session. Please let me know as soon as possible if you do not wish to attend.

The inspector will consider any other requests to participate in the additional hearing session, provided that they are made to me by 5pm on Friday 23 March 2018. Those requesting to participate will need to satisfy the following conditions:

- they have already made a request to appear at one or more hearing sessions, and
- their original representations, made at Regulation 19 consultation stage, are relevant to the specific questions on the agenda for discussion at the additional hearing session, or their attendance and input would be helpful to the inspector's understanding of the specific questions he has identified.

A final list of participants for the additional hearing session will be published on the examination website by Friday 30 March 2018. The hearing session will be open to the public to observe, but only those on the final list of participants will be able to take part in the discussion.

All those on the final list of participants for the additional hearing session may produce a written hearing statement to supplement their original representations. However, you should only do so if you have something to add to your original representations or your earlier hearing statement(s) which could not have been included in them. Statements should be limited to addressing the specific questions listed on the enclosed agenda and must be no more than 3,000 words long. **The deadline for submitting hearing statements is 5pm on Friday 13 April 2018.** You must send me an electronic version and two paper copies of your statement by that deadline.

It would assist the Inspector to receive written legal submissions, also by 5pm on Friday 13 April 2018, on Question 9(a) on the enclosed agenda. Any participants wishing to make written legal submissions on that question should advise me of this by Friday 23 March 2018. A number of judgments have been drawn to the Inspector's attention in this regard [Documents EXD/021A-D]. Where appropriate, submissions should explain the relevance of those judgments to the question.

Statements and submissions will not be accepted from those who are not on the final list of participants for the additional hearing session.

A Matter 1 hearing statement with appendices has already been submitted by Lightwood Strategic. The inspector has invited a response to it from the NEAs by Friday 23 March 2018, as he considers that this will assist his understanding of the specific questions he has identified. The Lightwood hearing statement and appendices and the NEAs' response will be published on the examination website in the week beginning 26 March 2018. Lightwood and the NEAs may, if they wish, submit further hearing statements by the deadline of Friday 13 April 2018.

Please see the Inspector's Guidance Notes [IED004 & IED006] on page 4 of the examination website for further guidance on the hearings procedure.

In order to avoid any complications, could I please ask that you acknowledge receipt of this email. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Andrea Copsy
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