

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE MEDBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Dear Martin and Matthew

Medbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan Independent Examination

Further to my email of 15 March 2018 (which I requested should be posted on the Parish Council and District Council websites). I am writing to provide you with an update with respect to my progress in undertaking the Independent Examination of the Medbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan. I request this further email should be posted on the websites also.

I have read through the Plan documents, much of the supporting evidence, and all of the representations submitted. I have made good progress in preparing my report. I have not, to date, identified any critical omissions or failings that would mean the Plan could not proceed to referendum.

The Plan is comprehensive in nature covering a wide range of topics and there appears to be good quality evidence to support most of the policies. I have identified a small number of policies that will require my further detailed consideration.

At this stage I do not intend to call a hearing although I must reserve the ability to do so if I subsequently consider this to be necessary. If there are any matters that require a written clarification I will write to both the Parish Council and the District Council.

My best estimate is that I will be able to work through the outstanding issues within the next day or so.

As soon as it is prepared, it is my intention to send a confidential draft of my report to both the Parish Council and to the District Council. If either Council share the draft with other parties please ensure the confidential nature of the draft is made clear. I will be sending the draft report for fact checking only, so that I may correct any errors of fact. I normally ask for a response within a few days

and this has usually been found to be sufficient. This procedure should not be seen as an opportunity to make further representations. Indeed, it is important that this should not occur as if I were to take into consideration further representations made after the period for representations has closed, this could leave the process open to successful challenge.

I would be grateful if both the Parish Council and the District Council could by return confirm agreement to be given the opportunity to undertake a fact check of my confidential draft report on the terms set out in this email.

Regards

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