

Examination of West Berkshire Local Plan 2022-2039

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IN5: NEXT STEPS IN THE EXAMINATION

The Council's responses to my Preliminary Questions and Supplementary Preliminary Questions were published on 1 October and 23 October respectively¹.

In early November, I intend to publish the Matters, Issues and Questions that will be the focus of the examination and set deadlines for the Council and relevant representors to submit written statements in response. The deadlines are likely to be in December 2023 and/or January 2024.

When I have considered the written statements in response to my Matters, Issues and Questions, and the outcome of the ongoing work being carried out by the Council in liaison with some representors², I will publish a further note setting out subsequent steps in the examination. That note will include the dates of the hearing sessions and the procedures to be followed if representors who have a right to be heard wish to participate. In accordance with regulation 24 of the 2012 Regulations, the Council will give at least six weeks notice of the opening of the first hearing session.

Any queries about this note should be taken up with the Programme Officer.

William Fieldhouse

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¹ EXAM2 and EXAM3.

² EXAM3: SPQ4, SPQ46b, SPQc, SPQd, SPQ48 and SPQ49.