



Notice of Submission of the Uttlesford District Council Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with regulation 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, that Uttlesford District Council has submitted the Uttlesford Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on July 4 2014 for independent examination.

The Pre-Submission Local Plan and the schedule of proposed minor modifications, together with the supporting documentation submitted to the Secretary of State are available to view and download on the Councils website: <http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/developinguttlesford>

Paper copies of all the documents can also be viewed at the Council offices, Saffron Walden, London Road during normal office hours.

Copies of the Local Plan and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal may also be viewed at the following locations during normal opening hours:

- Saffron Walden Town Library
- Great Dunmow Library
- Great Dunmow CIC
- Stansted Mountfitchet Library
- Thaxted Library
- Thaxted CIC

The Local Plan will now be subject to an independent examination to be conducted by the Planning Inspectorate. The examination is a continuous process running from submission through to the receipt of the Inspectors report. Part of the process will involve hearing sessions where those invited to attend, will have the opportunity to respond to matters raised by the Inspector. Once information on the hearing sessions is confirmed, all details relating to the examination process will be advertised, made available online and sent to all respondents.

For further information, please contact the planning policy team: planningpolicy@uttlesford.gov.uk or call 01799 510454/637.

Local Plan Examination – What Happens Next

Who will carry out the Examination?

The Secretary of State has appointed Roy Foster as the inspector from the Planning Inspectorate to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan. His task is to establish whether the Local Plan is 'sound', taking all the representations into consideration, and report on his findings.

To assist the inspector. A Programme Officer, Louise St John Howe, has also been appointed. All future correspondence relating to the examination should be via the Programme Officer:

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What Happens Next?

The Inspector is currently reviewing the documents submitted, as well as all the representations that were made on the Pre-Submission Local Plan. The Inspector may undertake some or all of the following:

- Hold preliminary meetings with the Council, if there are any early issues in need of clarification. If these take place, they will be open to the public.
- Hold 'pre-hearing' meeting, setting out details for the hearing sessions of the examination. Again, this will be a public meeting, if such a meeting takes place.
- Hold hearing sessions, where specific people or organisations will be invited by the Inspector to discuss matters relating to the content of the Local Plan. Hearings are an opportunity for the Inspector to clarify and/or seek additional information on any issues relating to the 'soundness' of the Local Plan and will not address each individual objection.
- Any other matters as the Inspector sees fit in order to ensure a thorough and fair examination of the Local Plan takes place.

Receiving Updates on Progress of the Examination

The Council's website will be updated frequently as the examination proceeds.

If you made representations on the Pre-Submission Local Plan in April-June 2014 you will be notified at least six weeks before the opening of the hearing sessions. You may also get specific notification of forthcoming events during the examination process and requests for further information from you (if necessary) and invitations to particular meetings or hearing sessions.

Receiving Updates on Progress Post Examination

Once the Inspector's Report has been received, Uttlesford District Council will notify all those who requested to be notified that the Report has been published.

Likewise, should the Local Plan subsequently be adopted, Uttlesford District Council will notify all those who requested to be notified that the Local Plan has been adopted.

Therefore, please notify us of any changes to your contact details. If you do not wish to receive any further notifications about the Local Plan please let us know.