

Examination of the Beech Neighbourhood Plan

Public Hearing

12 February 2020 at 2pm

Agenda and Guidance Notes

Introduction

The appointed Independent Examiner into the above draft neighbourhood plan, Ann Skippers, has decided to hold a Public Hearing as part of the examination.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to give Gladman Developments Ltd a fair chance to put their case to ensure adequate examination of the points raised. This is because their representation at pre-submission stage was not considered by the Parish Council.

Agenda

1. **Introduction to the Public Hearing** including its purpose, how it will be conducted, housekeeping matters and introduction of the Invited Participants (Ann Skippers, Independent Examiner)
2. **Neighbourhood Plan Policies** to be discussed by the Invited Participants (discussion led by the Independent Examiner)
 - **Gladman Developments Ltd has notified the Examiner they wish to focus on Policies BPC02 (Matter 1), BPC03 (Matter 2) and BPC06 (Matter 3)**
3. **Any other issues raised by Gladman Developments Ltd** (discussion led by the Independent Examiner)
4. **Other Matters**
5. **Close.** It is anticipated that the Public Hearing will end between 4pm and 5pm. A short comfort break will be taken at a convenient point in proceedings.

Invited Participants:

Gladman Developments Ltd
Beech Parish Council
East Hampshire District Council

Agenda finalised on 13 January 2020

Guidance Notes for Invited Participants and Attendees at the Public Hearing into the Beech Neighbourhood Plan

The session will take the form of a Neighbourhood Plan Public Hearing. This is distinctive to neighbourhood planning. It is not the same as a public inquiry, an appeal hearing or an examination in public for a Local Plan.

The Public Hearing will be chaired by the Independent Examiner and run entirely at her discretion. It will take the form of a roundtable discussion. Generally, the Independent Examiner will seek to ensure that the Invited Participants have an opportunity to put forward their case to ensure that the issues raised are examined in satisfactory detail by inviting them to provide their views and/or answer questions posed by her.

It is suggested that a maximum of **two** representatives from each of the Invited Participant organisations or bodies sit round the table to participate in the Public Hearing. The representatives could change on each matter for discussion and can be substituted at any time.

Only one person may speak at any one time.

The matters to be considered are set out in the Agenda above. All the Invited Participants are invited to speak on all matters.

It should be noted that only the Invited Participants will be able to speak and participate in the discussions. Members of the general public are warmly invited to attend, but they will not be able to take part in the discussions themselves.

As a general rule, there will be no cross-examination. Participants may not question other participants, although they may request that questions be asked of other participants.

No pre-hearing statements or any further written submissions are invited at this stage. It may be the case that further information is requested by the Independent Examiner at the Public Hearing for submission after the close of the Public Hearing. If the Independent Examiner requests further submissions, these will be publicly available.

Whether attendees agree or disagree with what is being said at any time, attendance at the Public Hearing is on the basis that all people present, including members of the public, will be respectful to all other parties at all times.

Attendees may leave at any time, but are requested to respect participants and members of the general public in doing so.

For further information relating to the Public Hearing please contact neighbourhoodplans@easthants.gov.uk or call **East Hampshire District Council's planning policy team on 01730 234102**. If anyone has any special requirements in

terms of access or otherwise, please get in touch with East Hampshire District Council using these contact details as soon as possible, to help ensure we can do our best to meet your needs.