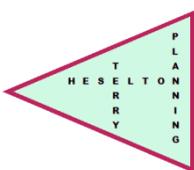


Independent Examination of the Scarcroft Neighbourhood Plan

Examination Procedure Note

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- 1 Following publication of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) on 24 July 2018, which contains transitional arrangements for examining plans, I can confirm that the policies in the previous Framework will apply for the purpose of examining the Scarcroft Neighbourhood Plan.¹
- 2 This means there is no necessity for those submitting representations at Regulation 16 Publicity stage to update their comments in the light of the revised NPPF, and I will not be inviting them to do so.
- 3 From my initial assessment of the submitted documentation and Regulation 16 Representations I am satisfied that the examination can proceed without the need for a hearing. However I will keep this under review as the examination progresses and advise you further should the need arise.
- 4 I intend as part of the examination to visit the neighbourhood plan area in order to better understand the nature of the Plan and the issues raised, including issues raised through representations. This will be undertaken unaccompanied to ensure impartiality unless I require access to private land in which case I will contact the City Council in advance to arrange an accompanied visit.
- 5 During the course of the examination I will direct any questions or points of clarification which arise to my single point of contact at Leeds City Council, Abbie Miladinovic, who may in certain circumstances need to consult Scarcroft Parish Council in order to provide a fully considered written response. In the interests of impartiality I would request that no other party attempts to contact me direct.
- 6 On completion of the examination I will send a confidential draft of my report to Leeds City Council for fact checking, in consultation with Scarcroft Parish Council, and would request the City Council to provide a co-ordinated response. I must emphasise that this is not an opportunity to make further representations. Ten working days are normally considered sufficient for this process.
- 7 In order to ensure openness and transparency this note should be published on the Council's website. If further clarification is required about the examination process I would be pleased to address questions raised by any of the parties with a direct interest in the examination.

¹ The accompanying footnote to paragraph 214 of the revised NPPF clarifies that the arrangements described in paragraph 214 for examining plans submitted on or before 24 July 2019 also apply to neighbourhood plans.