

**Aberford Neighbourhood Plan
Independent Examination
Invitation to the Parish Council**

I am writing to let you know that NPIERS, the Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service, has recently published guidance to service users and examiners.

Amongst other matters, the guidance indicates that the qualifying body, in this case, Aberford Parish Council, will normally be given an opportunity to comment upon any representations made by other parties at the Regulation 16 consultation stage should they wish to do so. There is no obligation for the Parish Council to make any comments; it is only if they wish to do so.

If a qualifying body wishes to make comments, the guidance indicates that any such comments should be made within two weeks after close of the Regulation 16 stage.

I am therefore writing to ask whether the Parish Council wish to make any comments on any or all of the representations received at Regulation 16 stage which ends on 30 July 2018. Should the Parish Council wish to do so, it would be much appreciated if I could be in receipt of any comments by the close of business on 24 August 2018 as the examination is scheduled to commence around that time.

If I do not hear anything by or on 24 August, I will assume the Parish Council do not wish to make any comments and I will proceed with the examination on that basis unless I hear otherwise.

It is important to note that any comments will be in the public domain and published on the local planning authority's website.

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