

Wyre Forest District Council Local Plan

Residents will remember that the District Council's intention is to remove a field from our 'Green Belt' off Station Drive for the purpose of providing 50 houses and parking for 170 + cars in addition to the proposed car park in Callows Yard.

The Parish Council's representation to the District Council, fully supported by all our elected District Councillors, was brushed aside without due consideration and the proposed Local Plan was submitted for approval by the Government appointed Inspector.

The appointed Inspector is Ms. M Travers BA(Hons) DipTP MRTPI. The Parish Council engaged the services of a Barrister in conjunction with Planning and Highways Consultants to submit our reasoned objections to the elements of the Plan that we felt were unsubstantiated and would have an adverse effect on the community. We have followed the Inspector's reports on requests for explanation/clarification from the District Council, in particular those aspects affecting us. In addition, we have challenged the validity of supporting documentation.

The Inspector has announced that the 'hearings' stage of the examination will commence in the week beginning 11th January 2021 and continue for about 4 weeks. Please see overleaf for more details. The Parish Council will again use the services of the Barrister and Consultants to represent us and may well nominate a Councillor(s) in addition. Individual Residents are encouraged to make their voices heard if they are able. Information on the Inspector's findings can be found on Documents ED16 'Matters & Questions', ED17 'Examination Guidance' and ED18 'Hearing Program'. These documents can all be accessed on the hearing sessions page via the link below.

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Parish Council Chairman Cllr Richard Benney



Examination of the Wyre Forest Local Plan.

The following information has been provided by the Programme Officer.

The hearing sessions of the Examination have now been arranged and will run over a four week period opening at 9.30 am on Monday 11 January 2021. The sessions will be held virtually on the following days:-

Week 1: Monday 11 January, Wednesday 13 January and Thursday 14 January 2021

Week 2: Monday 18 January, Wednesday 20 January and Thursday 21 January 2021

Week 3; Monday 25 January, Tuesday 26 January and Thursday 28 January 2021

Week 4: Monday 8 February, Wednesday 10 February and Thursday 11 February 2021

The following documents have been published which relate to the hearing sessions

ED16 Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions

ED17 Inspector's Guidance Notes for the Examination

ED18 Draft Hearings programme

These documents can all be accessed on the hearing sessions page via the link below.

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The Inspector's Guidance Notes set out the procedures which will be followed during the Examination, including full details on the provision of hearing statements (para 19-24) and participation at the hearing sessions (paras 8-9).

Please Note: If you would like to participate in the hearing sessions you will need to notify the Programme Officer of this, even if you indicated that you wished to participate in your response to the invitation to comment on the soundness of the pre submission draft of the Local Plan.'

Key dates for the Examination:-

Deadline to confirm with the Programme Officer if you wish to exercise the right to be heard if you made a relevant representation seeking a change to the Plan, indicating the Matter and hearing session: 17.00 hours on Thursday 19 November 2020

Deadlines for Hearing Statements:

Matters 1, 2 and 3: 17.00 hours on Thursday 26 November 2020

Matters 4, 5 6(i) and 6 (ii): 17.00 hours on Thursday 3 December 2020

Matters 6(iii) - 6(v), 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 17.00 hours Thursday 10 December 2020

Opening of Hearing sessions: 9.30 am Monday 11 January 2021'

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