Good Afternoon,

Following my email of 15 April 2019 informing you of the appointment of Inspectors Louise Crosby MA MRTP and Elaine Worthington BA (Hons) MT MUED MRTP, I am now writing to give you details of the hearing sessions of the Examination.

The hearings will take place in two Stages, and will open on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 10.00 am. Stage 1 will consist of three weeks of sessions to be held on the following days:-

**Week 1:** Tuesday 21 January - Thursday 23 January 2020 (inclusive)

**Week 2:** Tuesday 4 February - Thursday 6 February 2020 (inclusive)

**Week 3:** Tuesday 11 February - Thursday 13 February. (inclusive)

**Venue:** The Council Chamber, St Albans City and District Council Offices, Civic Centre, St Peter’s St, St Albans, AL1 3JE

Please find attached three documents concerning the hearing sessions:-

- **ED26** Inspectors’ Matters, Issues and Questions
- **ED27** Inspectors’ Guidance Notes on the Examination process
These documents will also be available via the link below.

https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/planning/Planningpolicy/localplan/examinationdocuments.aspx

The Inspectors’ Guidance Notes set out the procedures which will be followed during the Examination and include full details on participation at the hearing sessions and the provision of hearing statements in paras 15-22.

**Taking Part in the Hearing Sessions:**

Only those parties who are seeking specific changes to the Plan are entitled to participate in the hearing sessions. The **Deadline** for confirming with me if you wish to exercise the right to be heard, giving the hearing session and matter in which you wish to take part, is **5.00 pm on Thursday 14 November 2019**.

**Please Note:** It is necessary to notify me if you would like to take part in the hearing sessions, even if you indicated previously that you wished to participate.

**Hearing Statements:**

The deadline for submission of hearing statements for the matters to be discussed in the Stage 1 hearings is **5.00 pm on Thursday 12 December 2019**.

My contact details are set out at the bottom of this email and if you have any queries about the examination or would like further clarification on any of the details in this email please get in touch with me.

Kind regards,

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