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Good afternoon,

As you made a representation when St Albans City & District Council invited comments on the version of their Local Plan 2041 to be submitted for Examination (Regulation 19 stage), I am writing to advise you that the Secretary of State has appointed Inspectors Matthew Birkinshaw BA(Hons) Msc MRTPI and Thomas Bristow BA Mac MRTPI to carry out the independent examination of this Plan. They will determine whether it has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and that it is 'sound' i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

I have been appointed as the independent Programme Officer to assist the Inspectors with all aspects of the examination, and my contact details are set out below. Prior to the hearing sessions of the examination the Inspectors do not have direct contact with either the Council or Representatives, and all communications with the Inspectors take place through the Programme Officer.

The Inspectors are currently appraising the Local Plan 2041 together with the representations received at the Regulation 19 stage and the evidence base supporting the Local Plan. All the information on the examination is posted on the Inspectors' examination web pages, hosted by St. Albans Council, and these can be accessed via the link below. The best way to keep in touch with the progress of the examination is to click on the link below and then on the Latest News and Updates page which will be updated regularly.

<https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/st-albans-city-district-local-plan-examination>

If you would like further information on the examination process please use the links below to access the following documents issued by the Planning Inspectorate on Local Plan Examinations:-

- [Procedural Guidance for Local Plan Examinations](#)
- [Planning Inspectorate's short guide to Local Plan Examinations](#)

If you would prefer not to receive any further information on the examination, please let me know and I will remove your details from the notification list.

I will be in contact again once the Inspectors have completed their initial appraisal and when I am able to give you further information on the next steps in the Examination which is not likely to be for several weeks.

Meanwhile, as I am your point of contact during the examination, if you have any queries at any stage of the examination please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to help.

Kind regards,

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