

OXFORD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been appointed as the Programme Officer for the Examination into the Oxford Core Strategy.

The Secretary of State has appointed Mr David Fenton BA(Hons) MSc DipTP MRTPI of the Planning Inspectorate to conduct the Examination.

The Inspector has a number of concerns in relation the Core Strategy and these were set out in his letter dated 15th December 2008 to the City Council, the text of which is enclosed. The Council's response is also enclosed.

In light of his concerns the Inspector has decided to hold an Exploratory Meeting. The Meeting will take place at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 20 January 2009 in the Old Library, Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's OX11BX. Discussion will focus on the issues raised in the Inspector's letter of 15th December. Following which, the Inspector will determine the way forward for the Examination.

You are invited to attend the Exploratory Meeting, however the Inspector will not hear any formal evidence in respect of the Strategy, or consider in detail the policies put forward by the Council, these are matters which, in due course, should properly be the subject of discussion at the hearing sessions.

I would be grateful if you would let me know if you wish to attend the Exploratory Meeting.

Yours faithfully

Helen Wilson
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