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Good Afternoon,

As you have made a representation concerning the pre-submission draft of the Maidstone Local Plan Review, I am writing to advise you that the Secretary of State has appointed Inspector David Spencer BA(Hons) DipTP MRTPI to carry out the independent examination of the Review. He 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 Inspector with all aspects of the examination, and my contact details are set out below. Prior to the hearing sessions of the examination the Inspector does not have direct contact with either the Council or Representors and all communications with the Inspector take place through the Programme Officer.

The Inspector is currently appraising the Local Plan Review and evidence base together with the representations received at the Regulation 19 stage. All the information on the examination is posted on the examination web pages, which are hosted by the Maidstone Borough Council web site, and 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://localplan.maidstone.gov.uk/home/local-plan-review-examination>

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

**Planning Inspectorate's Procedure Guidance for Local Plan Examinations (14 February 2022):-**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/examining-local-plans-procedural-practice>

**Planning Inspectorate's short guide for those taking part in examinations (4 February 2022) :-**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/taking-part-in-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 writing to you again when I am able to give you further information on the examination, including details on the hearing sessions, but this may not 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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