**Email 170519 from Programme Officer to representors**

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**Cc:** Anne Storah
**Subject:** Rossendale Local Plan

This communication is addressed to those who made representations at the Publication stage of the Rossendale Local Plan. Progress of the Plan may be found on the following webpage from where original representations may also be viewed:

<https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/info/210148/local_plan/10629/emerging_local_plan/2>

My role is independent of the Council and provides administrative support to the Inspectors. This includes arrangements regarding a series of public hearings when the Plan will be examined by the Inspectors in more detail. The purpose of this email is to provide an update of progress towards these hearings and to give you an opportunity to confirm that I continue to have accurate contact details for future communications.  My present contact details for you are taken from those provided with the original representations so if someone else is now dealing with this matter on your behalf I would be grateful if you would forward this on to them and let me know; additionally, for those of you receiving this by post I would welcome an email address if that is available.

The Inspectors have recently commenced a review of the local plan documents submitted by the Council and have issued a number of initial questions to the Council which may be viewed via the webpage noted above.  There may be some further initial questions and in both cases these require a response from the Council only and which, when available, will be added to the same webpage.

Following these initial questions I anticipate that I will have a more comprehensive series of questions (‘Matters, Issues and Questions’ – MIQs) which are directed to both the Council and representors (insofar as they relate to your original representations).  At that stage I will be in contact with you again when I will provide further guidance and also seek your feedback on whether you also wish to participate at the public hearings.  Presently dates have not been finalised but you may wish to note that I am currently exploring start dates in September and October with an expectation that hearings will run locally over  2-3 weeks.

In the meantime I would encourage you to keep in touch with progress via the Examination webpage, or additionally feel welcome to contact me directly if I can be of any assistance.

If you do not wish to be included in any future contact regarding the Local Plan please let me know.

Thank you.

Tony

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