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Dear

Examination of the Dover District Council Local Plan 2040

As you made a representation when Dover District Council invited comments on the version of their Local Plan 2040 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 Clive Coyne BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI to carry out the independent examination of the Local 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 above. Prior to the hearing sessions of the examination the Inspectors do not have direct contact with either the Council or Representors. All communication with the Inspectors takes place through the appointed Programme Officer.

The Inspectors are currently appraising the Local Plan and evidence base together with the representations received at the Regulation 19 stage. All the information on the examination is posted on the Inspectors' examination web pages, hosted by Dover District 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.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk>

Information about the examination process can be found [here](#). This page includes the [Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations](#) which provides detailed practical advice for local authorities and [Guidance for Programme Officers](#). In addition, [Local plans: taking part in examinations - GOV.UK](#) is a helpful guide about the whole Examination process for all participants.

If you have an email address can you please provide me with this as there will be a large quantity of printed material that will need to be sent to you over the course of the Examination. 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 next steps in the examination, 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.

Yours sincerely,

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