

Examination of the Lancaster District Strategic Policies & Land Allocations Development Plan Document and Development Management Development Plan Document Submission Drafts

REPRESENTORS WHO MAY WISH TO APPEAR AT HEARINGS

The Inspector's *Main Issues and Questions* will form the basis of the discussion at the hearing sessions. If you have any comments on these (for example, because you feel there may be a significant omission), you should contact the Programme Officer by **5pm on Friday 8 March 2019**.

Only those who have made representations seeking to change the plan have a right to appear before, and be heard by, the Inspector¹. However, it is important to stress that written representations carry the same weight as those made orally at a hearing session. Consequently, participation at a hearing session is only necessary if, in the light of the Inspector's *Main Issues and Questions*, you have specific points you wish to contribute.

If you have a right to be heard, and you wish to exercise that right, you should contact the Programme Officer by **5pm on Friday 8 March 2019** indicating the appropriate Matter and the session you wish to attend (see the draft Hearing Timetable). You need to do this regardless of what you may have indicated on the representation form. **Please note that if you do not contact the Programme Officer by that date it will be assumed that you do not wish to appear and be heard and you will not be listed as a participant.** You should only request to be heard at a hearing session if you have made a relevant representation seeking a change to the plan. However, the hearing sessions are open for anyone to observe

It is not usual for those supporting the DPD to be heard at a hearing session, unless specifically invited by the Inspector. This is because S20 of the Act states that the Council must not submit the plan for examination unless they think it is ready for independent examination and para 182 of the Framework states that the authority should submit a plan which it considers is sound. It is therefore for those seeking changes to the Plan to demonstrate why they consider the Plan is unsound and what changes may be necessary to make it sound.

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¹ S20(6) of the PCPA 2004