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**To:** programmeofficer <[programmeofficer@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:programmeofficer@lancaster.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Lancaster Local Plan Examination

Dear Kim

Apologies for not getting back to you - I have been away over Easter.

Seems to have been a bit of a mix up our end as to who was due to have replied etc.

We appreciate that the Inspector will look at everything and weigh matters properly. However, being asked to attend means on top of this that there is an opportunity for us to answer any *queries* he may have about our submission.

I wrote and sent in the submission because I previously worked in Housing policy at a regional and national level. We really do understand how poor and unsubstantiated a piece of policy making the 'sustainable settlements' approach is. We also know how perverse it is in terms of *outcomes on the ground* for our settlements, and that it undermines national Planning policy/guidance at a fundamental level.

It remains our key concern that there appears to be no place in the hearings for a conversation/exploration of this with local rural communities directly? ( Also of course the Forest of Bowland rural communities have particular concerns about differential AoNB treatment that impact here.)

Can you provide some reassurance that the Inspector will in some way or other be talking to rural community representatives? We think it is really important that he has a measure of the level of mounting concern our communities have about their contacts on Planning matters. I have lived here for over forty years (and also worked for a few years in strategic housing for the Council) and it has never been like this before in my (or others') experience.

We realise that he cannot come to any meeting we would (happily) arrange, so can only hope that somewhere/somehow a little space can be found for this in the Inspection programme?

I am away on the 2nd and 3rd, but back on the 6th May. Unfortunately I will not have email access when away, but can be reached by phone xx

With thanks

Tamsin Hartley

On Thu, Apr 18, 2019 at 9:50 AM programmeofficer <[programmeofficer@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:programmeofficer@lancaster.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Tamsin,

Thank you for your email.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, emails were sent to everyone who had made representations at the formal publication stage of the Local Plan documents, including an invitation from the Inspector to attend the Hearings – I have attached a copy of the email for your information. As I received no response from your organisation, I assume that you did not wish to attend the Hearing sessions.

I can, however, assure you that the Inspector has had copies of all representations that were submitted to the Council during its formal publication stage consultation, and that he will give the same weight to written representation as he would for oral presentations during the Hearings.

For further information and guidance on the Examination procedure, please see the Inspector's Examination Guidance Note that is available on the Council's Examination webpage - <http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/examination-stage>

Please also note that the Hearing sessions are open to the public and that you are welcome to attend any of the sessions as an observer.

With regards,

Kim

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