

## KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN: CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir / Madam

**Independent Examination of Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy**

I am writing to you in connection with the representation(s) that you made to the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy. This document is now subject to independent scrutiny by way of an Examination into its soundness and legal compliance. The Secretary of State has appointed an independent Inspector, Martin Pike BA MA MRTPI, to conduct the Examination and I have been appointed as the independent Programme Officer working under the Inspector's direction. I will be responsible for organising the programme and all procedural matters.

I wish to invite you to the Pre-Hearing Meeting on **Thursday, 26 September 2013** to be held at the Gallery Room, Huyton Suite, Civic Way, Poplar Bank, Huyton, L36 9GD. The Meeting will commence at 2.00 pm. An Agenda for the meeting, together with the Inspector's Guidance Notes on the Examination, are attached for your information. Directions to the venue can be obtained from Knowsley Borough Council's website [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk).

The **purpose of the Pre-Hearing Meeting (PHM)** is to discuss the management of the Examination, including the overall programme, how representations will be heard and the timetable for submission of supplementary statements. All respondents are welcome to attend, but those seeking changes to the Core Strategy and who wish to appear at the Examination will find it particularly useful. A copy of the notes of the PHM will be sent to all parties after the event. **It would be helpful if you could let me know by Monday 16 September 2013 if you wish to attend the PHM.**

Please note that there will be no detailed discussion of the merits of the Core Strategy at the PHM. This will take place at the Examination hearing sessions which will commence on **Tuesday 5 November 2013** and are likely to last three weeks. It is at these later hearing sessions that those who made representations on the Core Strategy will have the opportunity to present their views, and where the soundness and legal compliance of the Core Strategy will be tested.

For all future communications I will be using e-mail as the preferred method of communication as this is quicker and more cost effective than paper mailings. If you receive a paper copy of this letter and you are happy to receive further mailings electronically, please let me have your e-mail address.

If you have any queries on the scope of the Pre-Hearing Meeting or the Examination process, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully

**Paul Morris**  
Programme Officer