

ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT DOCUMENT EXAMINATION

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Dear Representor,

**Rochford District Council
Development Management Document Examination Hearings**

My records show that you or your organisation made representations on the Development Management Document. This has now been submitted and will be subject to independent examination. I should like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Programme Officer responsible for assisting the Inspector with all aspects of the Examination administration.

The Secretary of State has appointed Mr David Smith BA(HONS) DMS MRTPI of the Planning Inspectorate to conduct the Examination process. Please note that all communications for the Inspector should be sent to me. To ensure his impartiality the Inspector will not communicate directly with any party, including the Council, outside the formal Examination sessions.

I can confirm that the **Development Management Document Examination Hearing is due to commence on Wednesday 26th March 2014** and will be held at the Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 8EB. It is expected to last for one day.

I shall be contacting you again before the Hearing asking you to confirm your intentions regarding appearance at this event. I will also be sending out the Inspector's Guidance Notes for the Examination, a draft programme for the Hearing and a Schedule of Matters and Issues to be discussed. The Inspector has been provided with full copies of all representations and he has asked me to point out that **representations made in writing and email carry the same weight as those pursued by personal appearance at the Hearing.**

In the meantime, and at all stages through the Examination process, I would urge you to view the Development Management Document webpage on a regular basis as this will be frequently updated with new information and relevant documents. The webpage can be found at http://www.rochford.gov.uk/planning/policy/local_development_framework/development_management_devel-1/development-management-0

Please contact me if I can be of assistance at any time over the weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely

Kerry Freeman
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