

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF CHETWYND: THE TOTON AND CHILWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Via email

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Dear Mr Lovett and Mr Genway

CHETWYND: THE TOTON AND CHILWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN(CTTCNP) EXAMINATION

I write in follow up to my letter of 27 March 2023, to set out my instructions in relation to the need for further engagement on the draft amendments to the CTTCNP, Policies Map and other supporting illustrative plans that have been jointly proposed by Broxtowe Borough Council (the Council) and the Neighbourhood Forum (the Forum). As you are aware, the need for the formulation of these proposed amendments arose from my Post Hearing Note (15 November 2022) and Post Hearing Letter and Annex (19 December 2022).

The Council has now provided me with the following draft documents:

1. CTTC Neighbourhood Plan Schedule of Amendments (June 2023): this illustrates in tabular form the detail of each proposed amendment.
2. CTTC Neighbourhood Plan Proposed Amendments (June 2023): this shows the CTTCNP in track changed, updated form, incorporating the amendments in 1. above.
3. CTTCNP Amended Plans and Policies Map (June 2023): I note at present these illustrative plans, as proposed to be amended, are not consolidated into the main revised CTTCNP document at 2. above.

These documents should form the basis of a further focused consultation exercise, subject to the amended illustrative-plans being combined into the track changed CTTCNP document (if this is feasible at this stage). I will leave the details of such presentational issues to the Council, which is highly experienced in matters of facilitating consultation, but would reiterate that the objective is to make the proposed changes as clearly identifiable as possible for the benefit of interested parties when the documents are published.

I am acutely conscious that the Examination has become very protracted and I am keen to move to a position where I can draft my report and draw the Examination to a close. Notwithstanding this, it is important that the process remains open and transparent, and will provide those with an interest an opportunity to engage in the evolving position.

With this firmly in mind, I am seeking to take a proportionate and pragmatic approach in terms of the appropriate scope of the further consultation required:

- It will be necessary to provide an opportunity for all those who responded at the earlier Regulation 16 consultation stage (and all those who took part in the hearing session in November 2022) to submit any relevant comments. These parties with an interest should be

expressly notified of the opportunity to comment. The consultation documents should be placed on the Council's website, also inviting any other parties with an interest to submit their comments.

- It should be made very clear that this is a focused consultation and, therefore, comments should be confined to the amendments proposed by the Council and Forum to the CTCNP which, as noted, seek to address the issues raised in my letters of 15 November and 19 December 2022. There is no need for responses to repeat representations that have already been made in relation to any other matters, since the Regulation 16 representations stand as submitted. Similarly, it is not an opportunity to raise new matters that do not relate to the proposed changes.
- I suggest a period of 4 weeks should be provided for interested parties to provide comments to the Council. The responses should be forwarded to me as soon as practicable after the focused consultation closes.

I do recognise we are now running into the summer holiday period. Therefore, should any interested party request an extension to the consultation closing date, please forward that request to the IPe office team for my consideration.

Finally, at this stage, it should be made very clear that the proposed amendments to the CTCNP have been put forward by the Council and Forum. Whilst I have agreed the process for producing and sharing the proposed amendments, I have not at this stage in any way formally endorsed any amendments. My detailed consideration of the amendments will be the next stage following the further consultation, where I will have the opportunity to take into full account the additional responses submitted. It remains the case that my starting point is that I am examining the version of the draft CTCNP as submitted at the Regulation 15 stage, and any proposed modifications I go on to recommend will be based on that version.

Should you have any questions in relation to this letter or any other related examination matters, please contact the IPe office team in the first instance.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure that a copy of this letter is placed on the Neighbourhood Forum and Borough Council websites.

Your sincerely

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Examiner