

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE GOTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Mr John King
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Ms Judy Raven
Clerk to Gotham Parish Council

Mr John Anderson
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Dear Mr King, Ms Raven and Mr Anderson

GOTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

I have read the documents produced by Rushcliffe Borough Council and Gotham Parish Council in response to my letter of the 21 March 2019 and note that they identify a number of points on which there are fundamental disagreement between the Parish Council, the Borough Council and various Regulation 16 respondents. I refer in particular to the question of how housing sites are to be dealt with in the Neighbourhood Plan; to the question of whether proper consultations were carried out with the owners of various proposed Local Green Spaces; to the question of the relationship between Local Green Spaces and Green Belt; and to the question of whether it is appropriate to designate the site known as GOT04 as a Local Green Space.

In relation to this last point, I note that the Parish Council makes clear on page 5 of its response that if there is any doubt about the local significance of this site then a Hearing would be the right place to explore the issue. I agree. Paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) provides for the receiving of oral representations where the examiner considers this is necessary to ensure the adequate examination of an issue(s).

I would be grateful, therefore, if Rushcliffe Borough Council would make arrangements for such a Hearing to be held, preferably in Gotham at the earliest available opportunity. Formal notice of the Hearing should be given by advertisement at least 21 days (excluding Bank and Public Holidays) in advance of its date.

Please liaise with the IPE office team regarding my availability, but it may be useful for you to know that I am available in the weeks commencing 10 June and 24 June 2019.

Once the date and venue for the Hearing has been fixed, I will produce the following documents:

- Hearing Notes;
- A list of those to be invited to speak;
- Guidance Notes for Participants; and
- An Agenda.

I thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

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

Your sincerely

Bob Yuille

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