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Dear Representor,

As you made a representation to the consultation on the pre-submission draft of the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Local Plan I am writing to advise you that the Secretary of State has appointed Inspector Melvyn Middleton BA(Econ) DipTp DipMgmt MRTPI to carry out the independent examination of the Local Plan. He will determine whether the Plan has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and that it is 'sound' i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

I have been appointed as the independent Programme Officer to assist the Inspector with all aspects of the examination and my contact details are set out above. During the examination the Inspector does not have any direct contact with either the Council or Representors. All communications concerning the examination and all contact with the Inspector takes place through the Programme officer who acts as the intermediary.

The Inspector is currently appraising the Local Plan and once he has completed this I will be in contact with you again to give you further information on the examination process and key dates. Meanwhile, information is available, and updated regularly, on the examination webpages of the Welwyn Hatfield Council website, and you can access these by clicking the link below. The easiest way to keep in touch with the progress of the examination is to click on the link and scroll down to the tab entitled 'Latest News and Updates'.

<http://welhat.gov.uk/localplanexamination>

If you have any queries about the examination, please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone or email and I will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

Louise St John Howe

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