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Dear Representer,

**Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan 2013-2032 Examination in Public
Inspector: Melvyn Middleton BA(Econ) DipTP DipMgmt**

Following my letter of 4th June, 2017 when I notified you of the Inspector's appointment, I am now able to give you further details concerning the examination of the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan.

Due to the complexity of the Local Plan and number of representations received the Inspector has organised the hearing sessions into four distinct sessions, and full details concerning this are available in his Guidance Notes at paras 19-28. All the hearing sessions will take place in the Council Chamber at the Welwyn Hatfield Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL6 6AE and will start at 10.00 am.

Dates for the first two stages of hearing sessions are set out below:-

Stage 1: Legal Soundness and Duty to Co-operate

Thursday 21st September
Friday 22nd September

Please find attached the following documents which are relevant to Stage 1 of the hearing sessions:-

- EX06 Inspector's Issues and Questions for Stage 1 of the Hearing Sessions.
- EX07 Inspector's Guidance Notes
- EX08 Draft Hearings Programme V1 of the Examination in Public of the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan.

Stage 2: Overarching Strategy & Associated Policies

24th October - 27th October
1st November - 3rd November

Details of the issues and questions for the hearing sessions in October and November will be sent out at the end of the first week of September

Stage 3: Topic Specific Policies

Dates to be announced

Stage 4 Settlement Policies and Site Allocations:

Dates to be announced

Please note the following deadlines for Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the hearing sessions:-

Notification of wishing to Participate:

It is necessary to notify me if you wish to take part in the hearing sessions, regardless of whether you indicated previously that you wished to participate. Full details are set out in Para 16-18 of the Inspector's Guidance Notes.

Please view the examination documents EX02 Inspector's Preliminary Questions, and EX04 Council's response to Inspector's Preliminary Questions before contacting me about participation at stage 1, because in the light of these documents you may consider that it is no longer necessary.

Stage 1 - 5.00 pm Friday 8th September

Stage 2 - 5.00 pm Friday 6th October

Stage 3 - to be advised

Stage 4 - to be advised

Hearing Statements

Full details on the provision of hearing statements are set out in Paras 33-37 and in Appendix A of the Inspector's Guidance Notes.

Stage 1 - 5.00 pm Friday 8th September

Stage 2 - 5.00 pm Friday 6th October

Stage 3 - to be advised

Please get in contact with me if anything is unclear or you would like any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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