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Dear Representor,

**Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan (2011-2031)
Public Examination**

Following my letter of 12th June, 2016 informing you of the appointment of Inspector Roger Mellor BSc DipTRP DipDesBEnv DMS MRTPI MRICs, to carry out an independent examination of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan, I am writing to notify you that the hearing sessions of the examination will start on Tuesday 4th October, 2016.

The hearing sessions will be held at **Maidstone Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone, ME14 1TF**, over a period of five weeks, with the first two weeks starting on 4th October, 2016, and a further three weeks of hearing sessions starting on 8th November, 2016. Further details can be found in the enclosed document entitled Maidstone Borough Local Plan - Draft Programme (C) Also enclosed is a copy of the Inspector's Procedural Guidance Notes for the examination.

The Inspector has prepared agendas setting out his Matters, Issues and Questions for the first two weeks of the hearings as well as participants for each of those hearings. As there are over 70 pages of information I am not enclosing these, but if you could look at the Maidstone Borough Plan - Draft Programme (C) document and if there are any agendas and details of participants that you would like, could you please contact me and I can send these through to you. All the information will also be available on the Council website if you prefer to access the information there.

<http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/planning/local-plan/examination>

The Inspector's agendas listing his Matters, Issues and Questions for the second group of hearings to be held in November will be available at the end of August or beginning of September.

I will notify you when the agendas are available, but as there will be a similar amount of information if you would like to receive copies of the agendas could you please provide me with an email address so I can send them to you electronically.

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

Yours sincerely,

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