
Archwiliad Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Cyngor Sir y Fflint 2015-2030
Flintshire County Council Local Development Plan 2015-2030
Examination

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Dear Mr Roberts,

Flintshire LDP Examination: Suspension

We hope that you and your team are all well and recovering from the intensity of the hearing sessions.

We understand that you will be content for the additional hearing on Warren Hall to be held during the week commencing 6 September although the exact day is not yet fixed. A few weeks ago we wrote to you¹ posing some questions and asking for further information to be provided prior to the additional hearing. Now that we have an approximate date for that we would ask whether your response to our letter could be made by 23 August? If so, that would give us, and other participants, a good two weeks to consider it ready for discussion at the hearing.

The Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Planning Inspectorate and Flintshire County Council states that there are some circumstances where it may be necessary to formally suspend the examination process. These include where the Inspectors are unable to proceed with their assessment of soundness due to significant concerns being raised which require further work. That is the current position and we propose, therefore, that there should be a one month suspension in the Flintshire examination.

In order to fit in with timings in the lead up to the additional Warren Hall hearing, we suggest that the suspension should be from Friday 23 July to Friday 20 August. The eleven month timetable, which began with your submission of the LDP and which will conclude with the delivery of our report, will thus be paused and will resume once the examination is able to proceed.

¹ INSP010

The proposed suspension is a practical device which reflects that the Inspectors cannot carry out significant examination work until we have received further information. It will provide us with time in which to complete the examination and write our report after such information has been provided. The suspension does not imply any criticism or shortcomings in the Council's, the Inspectors' or any other parties' preparation for, or engagement with, the examination thus far.

The issues arising from recent advice on phosphates and riverine SACs are a separate matter which may also lead to the need for a suspension.

If you have any queries about the contents of this letter or any other aspect of the examination, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely

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Inspectors