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Examination
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My Ref / Fy nghyf: ED.12

Your Ref/Eich Cyf:

Date / Dyddiad: 1 May 2012

Dear

UPDATE FOR THE EXAMINATION HEARINGS

The pre-hearing meeting for the examination hearings took place on 24 April. A copy of my notes from this meeting and a revised programme for the hearing sessions is enclosed.

I have amended the timetable in response to requests to change it and extended the programme to make sure that sufficient time is given for those people who have either asked to appear or who could otherwise help me with the examination. It will be difficult at this stage to amend the timetable significantly again but do let Jeanette John know if you are unable to attend a session to which you have been invited. Likewise, I would ask that you contact Jeanette **as soon as possible** if you consider you should have been invited to a specific session and are not included on the relevant hearing session. In any case, it would be very helpful if you can confirm either way if you intend to come or not and whether you are happy to continue to receive information via e-mail or not. A return slip is attached but you can just as easily e-mail or phone Jeanette.

Please remember the following deadlines:

- **18 May 2012** - deadline for new technical reports that will form part of your case;
- **18 May 2012** - deadline for the Council and others to submit additional short papers and for CCW to clarify its statement of common ground;
- **1 June 2012 (12 noon)** – deadline for all submissions and to confirm if you will or will not be attending a session to which you have been invited; and
- **15 June 2012 (12 noon)** - deadline for Council to prepare its own submissions in relation to each hearing session including any concessions made and/ or rebuttal of submissions made by other groups and individuals.

If you have been invited to appear at a session, you do not have to add anything over and above what you have already written but you may wish to prepare responses to each of the questions for the hearing session agenda that is relevant to your case as it is important that you set out your case in full in advance of the hearing. I have imposed a word limit of 3,000 words for all submissions excluding appendices which is normally sufficient.

Please ensure your submission clearly states the session to which it relates to and the name of your organisation. I will need four copies of any further submission you wish

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to make and preferably an electronic version to be e-mailed to the programme officer too as your submission will go on the internet. Jeanette will scan in all documentation that is not sent in electronically and will circulate all submissions received to all other people invited to attend each session. Some people rely on photographs to support their point. Sometimes these are difficult to photocopy in black and white so you may wish to bring along original copies of any photographs you have. Please be aware that I will not generally accept any other new information on the day of a hearing as this would not be fair to other people present.

All documentation will be published on the Council's website. The Council offers free access to the internet at all of its public libraries. A spare copy of all the documentation associated with this examination can be viewed at Jeanette's office between 0930 hours and 1600 hours Monday to Friday. Please contact Jeanette if you need to see the information outside of these hours

I look forward to seeing you at the examination.

Yours sincerely

Vincent Maher

INSPECTOR

Enc ED.13 Notes of the PHM
ED. 14 Hearings Programme and List of Sessions

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RESPONSE FORM

I will/ will not be attending the hearing sessions to which I have been invited. (Please delete as necessary).

I am content/ not content for you to send me future correspondence via e-mail. (Please delete as necessary).

Your Ref: _____

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Appearing on behalf of (optional): _____