

Dear Mr Seaman,

Reference: Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan Examination

Thank you for your letter dated 1 November 2022, outlining some initial questions regarding the Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan. I have provided a response where you have requested this from Colchester Borough Council below.

Examination Documentation

The documentation available on the Colchester Borough Council website¹ does contain all of the submission and evidence base documents to support the Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan.

Although already noted on the website, all of the consultation responses received to the Regulation 16 Consultation are available via our Consultation Portal - [Colchester Borough Council - Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan \(oc2.uk\)](https://www.colchester.gov.uk/consultation-portal)

The Council have also created a specific web page to host all of the details of the Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan Examination². This will be updated as the examination progresses.

Hard copies of a number of documents have also been provided, if the Examiner requires hard copies of any additional documents the Council would be happy to provide these.

Written Representations

The Council agree with the Examiner's view that the examination can be conducted via the written representations procedure.

However, we would draw your attention to the representation made by Lawson Planning Partnership on behalf of Colchester United Football Club and their subsequent emails (attached for reference) which have requested a hearing session regarding the spatial strategy.

For clarity, this request from Lawson Planning Partnership does not change the Council's view regarding the examination procedure. The Council maintain the view that the examination can be conducted via the written representations procedure.

¹ <https://www.colchester.gov.uk/consultation-portal>

² <https://www.colchester.gov.uk/consultation-portal/examination-october-2022/>

Further Clarification

1. Designation of Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan Area

Tiptree Parish Council sent a letter to Colchester Borough Council dated 1 October 2014 to apply for Tiptree Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area. This letter is shown as appendix A1 to the Consultation Statement.

Following a public consultation from 10 November to 22 December 2014, a report was presented to Colchester Borough Council's Local Plan Committee on 2 February 2015 to formally designate the Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan Area. This was resolved by the Committee and the area was approved.

Following approval by Local Plan Committee, an officer from Colchester Borough Council confirmed to the Parish Council that the area had been designated. This email is shown as appendix A2 to the Consultation Statement.

Please find attached the Local Plan Committee Report and Minutes of the meeting for confirmation.

Tiptree Parish Council have provided responses to questions 2 to 6 as requested.

I can confirm that a copy of your letter and the responses from Colchester Borough Council and Tiptree Parish Council will be published on the Council's Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan Examination web page.

The Council welcome this opportunity to provide initial points of clarity and would welcome any further questions from the Examiner in order to assist the examination of the Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely



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