

Independent Examination of the Wivenhoe Neighbourhood Plan Invitation to the Town Council

I am writing to let you know that the examination of the Wivenhoe Neighbourhood Plan has formally started.

NPIERS, the Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service, has recently published guidance to service users and examiners. Although I have not been appointed via NPIERS to undertake this examination, I am a member of the NPIERS Panel and consider it appropriate for me to take account of this guidance.

Amongst other matters, the guidance indicates that the qualifying body, in this case, Wivenhoe Town Council, will normally be given an opportunity to comment upon any representations made by other parties at the Regulation 16 consultation stage should they wish to do so. There is no obligation for the Town Council to make any comments; it is only if they wish to do so.

I am therefore writing to ask whether Wivenhoe Town Council wish to make any comments on any or all of the representations received at Regulation 16 stage. Should the Town Council wish to do so, I should be in receipt of any comments by the close of business on Friday 15 June 2018 please. I have allowed a little extra time to take account of the forthcoming bank holidays.

If I do not hear anything by or on 15 June 2018, I will assume the Town Council do not wish to make any comments and I will continue with the examination on that basis.

It is important to note that any comments will be in the public domain and published on the local planning authority's website.

With many thanks

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