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Dear [redacted]

### **Oundle Neighbourhood Plan Independent Examination**

Further to my appointment on 16th September to undertake the Independent Examination of the Oundle Neighbourhood Development Plan I am writing to clarify how I will conduct the examination.

#### **1. Communications**

It is essential that the examination process is open and transparent to all interested parties. I would be grateful if East Northamptonshire Council and the Town Council could publish this email on their respective websites. I will address all future communication to East Northamptonshire Council, and send a copy to Oundle Town Council. It would be helpful if the Town Council could channel all communication to me through East Northamptonshire Council, and that, when writing to me, East Northamptonshire Council copies-in the Town Council.

#### **2. Examination documents**

I have received a copy of the Submission Plan documents posted to me by East Northamptonshire Council. I have access to electronic versions of the submission Plan documents; though I am struggling to find some of the background documents online; can you please send me hard copies of the Housing Methodology paper and the evidence base for the Local Green Space designations.

#### **3. Regulation 16 representations submitted**

I have no complete schedule of all the representations made. Can this please be compiled urgently? I have been sent only a partial set of hard copies of the representations and I will advise you of the missing ones, once I receive the composite schedule.

Subject to my later detailed assessment if I find that there are significant issues which may prevent the Plan meeting the basic conditions I will let you know during the examination.

#### **4. Independence**

From my initial review of the Plan documents and Regulation 16 representations it would appear that there are no conflicts of interest that would call into question my independent status. One of the reps has been submitted by PBA on behalf of NCC (as landowners); the LPA and QB need to know that I was a partner there over 5 years ago. I have no ongoing involvement with the firm, had few dealings with Mr Coleby anyway (I was in London) and have never had any involvement with East Northants even when I was there. I don't believe this represents a conflict at all but you need to be aware. PBA acquired Roger Tym & Partners, where I was partner, in 2011 (I've seen a reference to them in background work on certain topics); and I was chair of Turley (another agent for an objector) 20 years ago. Such past connections do crop up in examinations.

#### **5. Visit to the Plan area**

I intend to visit the plan area shortly, as this will assist me in understanding the nature of the Plan and points made in representations, and help me decide if there

are any issues to be clarified. I will undertake this visit on an unaccompanied basis as it is important that there should be no perception that I have heard additional representations.

#### 6. Public hearing

I have decided to hold a public hearing, as I need clarification of certain issues and because I want to hear oral evidence on one topic. I have already canvassed this with you both and it seems that Tuesday 29th October is a suitable date - it should take no more than the morning. I will be publishing an agenda with notes and invitees very shortly. But please prepare to make the appropriate publicity to ensure local people and other stakeholders are aware.

After the hearing I propose to undertake a further, accompanied, site visit of selected sites in the plan area, in order to save time in locating them all; I will need to be accompanied by at least both LPA and QB.

#### 7. Clarification procedures

I may at any time during the Independent Examination seek written clarification of any matters that I consider necessary. I will direct any request for clarification to East Northamptonshire Council, copying in the Parish Council. Any request for clarification and any response should be published on the East Northamptonshire Council and Glapthorn Parish Council websites.

Regards

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Independent Examiner

Director  
John Parmiter Ltd  
[REDACTED]

On 24 Sep 2019, at 10:25, [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

By way of an update, I can confirm that we have received confirmation from John Parmiter (Oundle Neighbourhood Plan Examiner), that his examination of the Plan is now underway.

We have now also collated the representations and prepared a summary Regulation 16 consultation summary feedback report, which will be considered by the Planning Policy Committee on Monday (30 September). I refer you to the following documents:

- Full Regulation 16 representations (redacted): [https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/4838/regulation\\_16\\_representations](https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/4838/regulation_16_representations); and
- Regulation 16 consultation summary feedback report (Item 7: [https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1006/planning\\_policy\\_committee](https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1006/planning_policy_committee)).

The Examiner will consider these documents and come back to you and us over the coming weeks, as/ when he needs further information or input.

Regards and best wishes.

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East Northamptonshire Council  
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