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Dear Representor,

**Independent Examination of the
Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan (2016-2036)**

As a respondent to the Council's invitation to comment on the pre-submission draft of the Eastleigh Local Plan (the Regulation 19 stage), I am writing to advise you that the Secretary of State has appointed Inspector Mike Hayden BSc (Hons) DipTP MRTPI to carry out the independent examination of the plan. He will determine whether it has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and that it is 'sound' i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

I have been appointed as the independent Programme Officer to assist the Inspector with all aspects of the examination and my contact details are set out above. Prior to the hearing sessions of the examination, the Inspector does not have direct contact with either the Council or Representors, and all communications with the Inspector take place through the Programme Officer.

The Inspector is currently appraising the Local Plan and the representations submitted on the pre submission draft of the Local Plan, and I will be in contact again during January when I am able to give you further information on the examination process and key dates. All information relating to the Examination is available on the examination webpages of the Eastleigh Borough Council website and can be accessed via the link below. The examination web pages will be updated regularly, but the easiest way to keep in touch with the progress of the examination is to check the tab entitled Latest News and Updates.

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy-and-implementation/local-plan/emerging-local-plan-2016-2036/local-plan-examination>

If you would prefer not to receive any further information on the examination, please let me know and I will remove your details from the notification list.

I am your point of contact throughout the examination process, and if you have any queries at any stage of the examination please do not hesitate to get in touch with me and I will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

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