

Examination of the Watford Local Plan

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Written statements

Any representor may submit a hearing statement or statements. However, these should only be in response to questions that relate to their original representations. Statements should set out the key points from their original representation against the relevant questions, and not introduce new arguments. Statements should be concise and focussed, and in any event must contain no more than 3,000 words for each matter.

The Council should produce a statement for every matter. This should also be focused and succinct. However, because the Council has to answer every question, it may in some cases be necessary to exceed the limit of 3,000 words per matter.

Written statements are not the opportunity to introduce new evidence. Rather, they should refer to evidence on the examination website or that which was submitted with representations made under regulation 20. If the Council or any representor considers that there is evidence that it is essential to refer to in order to answer one of my questions, but which is not on the examination website, please check with the Programme Officer before submitting it.

All statements should directly answer my specific questions. Where appropriate, reference should be made to relevant parts of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021 ("NPPF") (paragraph numbers) and associated Planning Practice Guidance ("PPG") (eg ID: 18a-001-20190723) with an explanation of why you think the policy in question is consistent or inconsistent with it. Reference should also be made to specific parts of evidence in the examination library (with specific page and paragraph numbers). However, there is no need to quote extensive parts of the NPPF, PPG or evidence documents.

If your response to one of my questions concludes that the relevant part of the Plan is not sound, please set out how you think it should be modified to ensure that it is. Where relevant, refer to the Council's proposed modifications [ED25A] and changes to the policies map [ED26].

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All statements and appendices must be emailed to the Programme Officer in Word or PDF format by the deadlines that have been set. Please ensure that your name and representor reference number is clearly written in the top right corner of each page.

Written statements will be published on the examination website as soon as possible after the deadline so that they are available to all participants and anyone else who wishes to read them. Because they will be available in this way, they will not be circulated directly to participants. Anyone who is unable to access them on the website should contact the Programme Officer.

Once the date for submitting written statements has passed, no other written material will be accepted, unless I specifically request it.

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