

Okehampton Town and Hamlets Neighbourhood Plan 2021 - 2034

Additional Information relating to the Notice of Public Hearing

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1. On 6th March I issued my Notice of Public Hearing Document.
2. In preparing for the hearing, I have been reviewing the extent to which consultation has shaped the proposals and policies and I was reminded that both National Highways and Historic England stated in their Regulation 16 comments that they had not been consulted on the Regulation 14 – Pre-Submission version of the plan.
3. I then reviewed the Statement of Community Consultation, which I am treating as the consultation statement. Regulation 15 2a) of the 2012 Regulations, requires that the consultation statement should contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan and explain how they were consulted and summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted and describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and where relevant addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan. Regulation 14 refers to Schedule 1 of the 2012 Regulations, which lists the consultation bodies whose interests the qualifying body, may consider would be affected by proposals in the plan. I could not find the information I was seeking in the Statement of Community Consultation.
4. I would therefore like to raise an additional issue with the Steering Group in addition to the questions I have set out in my initial Notice of Hearing document. Specifically, I would wish to be informed as to what statutory and non-statutory organisations and bodies, including local bodies who were consulted at the Regulation 14 stage, can I see the copies of the correspondence which requests their comments, along with what responses were received.
5. I would hope that information can be easily retrieved from the Steering Group's records and I would ask that the information is provided to me by 5pm on Monday 8th April 2024, so that the matter can be discussed, if necessary, at the hearing.
6. I would ask that this document is posted on the respective neighbourhood plan websites and the Steering Group's response be copied to West Devon Borough Council.

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