Dear Sir/Madam

Examination in Public - South Gloucestershire Core Strategy DPD

I am writing to update you on progress with the South Gloucestershire Core Strategy. Following the close of the publication period for the December 2011 Core Strategy incorporating Post Submission Changes, the Inspector Mr Paul Crysell, appointed to hold the Examination in Public (EiP), has requested a Pre-Hearing Meeting (PHM) to be held on Tuesday 17 April at 2pm at the Kingswood Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, South Gloucestershire, BS15 9TR.

The purpose of the PHM is to help the Inspector and all interested parties prepare for the EiP and in this respect he has issued the attached Agenda and Guidance Notes. At the PHM the Inspector will outline the procedural elements of the EiP. The Inspector will not hear evidence on the merits of any proposal and those attending the PHM meeting will only be able to comment if invited to do so by the Inspector. Respondents who have not indicated a wish to participate in the hearing sessions will have their representations treated in written form unless the Programme Officer is informed no later than Thursday 12th April 2012 that they now wish to take part.

The PHM is a public meeting and members of the public are invited to attend. In order to help ensure we are able to make all necessary arrangements for the PHM meeting I would ask that you either telephone me on 01454 863742 or email me at programme.officer@southglos.gov.uk by 5pm on Thursday 12th April 2012 if you intend to attend the PHM.

The Inspector has indicated he intends to commence hearings as part of the EiP on the 19th June 2012. The EiP will also be held at the Kingswood Civic Centre, High Street Kingswood South Gloucestershire, BS15 9TR.

Further details about the timing and duration of the EiP will be published on the Council’s website at www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategyexamination as they become available.

If the Inspector asks the Council for its comments on any matters related to the Core Strategy prior to the PHM or EiP, the request from the Inspector and the response from the Council will be posted on the Council’s website at www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategy

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A note of the PHM will be published soon after it is held on the Core Strategy webpage. I will contact you again when the Inspector has published further details about the EIP.

Kingswood Civic Centre is accessible to the disabled. A map showing its location is viewable at

If you have any queries at this stage please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Kath Thorne
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