

**Independent Examinations of Shropshire County Council
Minerals and Waste Development Framework
Core Strategy & Mineral Resources Development Plan Documents**

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Dear

**Shropshire County Council Core Strategy & Minerals Resources DPDs
Exploratory Meeting – Wednesday 21 February 2007**

I refer to the representation(s) that you recently submitted to the Core Strategy and /or Minerals Resources Development Plan Documents (DPD).

The process of formal consultation on these documents has ended. The documents are now subject to independent scrutiny by way of an Examination. Mr Jonathan King BA(Hons) DipTP MRTPI, an independent Planning Inspector, has been appointed to conduct the Examinations, during which time he will consider whether the DPDs are “sound”. He will then write a report on each DPD, which will make binding recommendations on Shropshire County Council.

I am the Programme Officer for the Examinations and will deal with all procedural, administrative and programming matters. I am independent of Shropshire County Council and work directly to the Inspector. All correspondence for him should be addressed to me.

Following the submission of the DPDs and the start of the Inspector’s examination of the documents, he has carried out a preliminary read of the documents and the representations made in response to the submission stage public consultation. From his initial perusal of the submitted material, and in particular the representations of the Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM), the Inspector considers that there are matters which appear to raise preliminary concerns about the soundness of the document.

The Inspector is therefore calling an Exploratory Meeting to provide an opportunity to explore the matters about which he has concerns, and to enable the Council to consider the risk it may have of the documents being found to be unsound if the Examination is continued.

The Exploratory Meeting is a public meeting which is open for anyone to attend. The Inspector will look to representatives of the Council and the Government Office to address him on the matters with which he is concerned. The format of the Meeting will be akin to a “Round Table Session” which the Inspector will chair, following an agenda that will be circulated in advance.

A note of the Meeting will be made, and will subsequently be published on the Council's website at www.shropshire.gov.uk.

The meeting will be held at **9.30am** on **Wednesday 21 February** in the **Wilfred Owen Room, Shropshire County Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND**. If you wish to attend, please contact me on 01743 252532 or email me at the address above by Monday 12 February.

Please find attached a note outlining the matters which the Inspector wishes to address at the Exploratory Meeting. A more detailed agenda will be circulated to attendees in due course.

Yours sincerely

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