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Further to my notification about the Exploratory Meeting (EM), the Inspector has decided that he will be allowing people **who have made representations** to speak on those matters to be discussed at the EM.

It remains the case that the EM is not a place for formal submissions, however the Inspector will allow those who have made representations about the issues and matters causing concern to the Inspector to speak if they so wish.

The Regulations on this point are as follows;

“An exploratory meeting should involve the LPA (Local Planning Authority) and the GO (Government Office). The Inspector may also invite any representors who have made significant points about the matters and issues that are causing concern. Exploratory meetings must be public meetings and thus any person may attend and observe. Inspectors will ensure that the exploratory meeting does not become an examination of the DPD where only two parties, the LPA and GO, have had the opportunity to make representations – there will be issues of fairness if no other party has a formal opportunity to make representations”.

Para 9.5, Local Development Frameworks, Examining Development Plan Documents – Procedure Guidance – August 2009 (2nd Edition). The Planning Inspectorate.

The EM is likely to be very well attended and so seating might well be at a premium.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours

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