

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REPORT TO CBPC: 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

As reported last month the first part of Regulation 16 Consultation is due to complete on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, at which point Dorset Council will process the responses received so far and set a date in conjunction with the Independent Examiner for him to start the examination. At the time of writing, we have no visibility of the responses received so far.

The Independent Examination is expected to take 6 weeks from the start date, which hopefully will be in the next 2 weeks or so. The independent examination will be carried out by Andrew Mead of Intelligent Plans and Examinations, Ipe. <https://www.intelligentplans.co.uk/>

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1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### **Andrew Mead BSc (Hons) MRTPI MIQ**

Andy worked for 28 years in the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), 25 of them as a Senior Housing and Planning Inspector. His experience is extensive, derived from working under a wide range of legislative regimes in considering the legal requirements and the relevant tests, applying government policy and advice.

Andy's main focus now is on Neighbourhood Plan examinations as a keen advocate of the neighbourhood planning system. He has completed the examination of Neighbourhood Plans produced in Bollington (Cheshire East); Weston and Basford (Cheshire East); Handforth (Cheshire East); Calveley (Cheshire East); Knutsford (Cheshire East); Poynton with Worth (Cheshire East); Alsager (Cheshire East); Newhall (Cheshire East); Slinfold (Horsham); Farndon (Cheshire West and Chester); No Man's Heath (Cheshire West and Chester); Tarvin (Cheshire West and Chester); Membury (East Devon); Ivinghoe (Aylesbury Vale); Holwell (West Dorset); Upper Marshwood Vale (Dorset); Ellistown and Battleflat (North West Leicestershire); Ab Kettleby (Melton); Upper Broughton (Rushcliffe); Greater Carpenters (London Legacy Development Corporation); Winkleigh (Torrige); Puttenham (Guildford); Kemble and Ewen (Cotswold); Preston (Cotswold); Puddletown (Dorset); Darnhall (Cheshire West and Chester); Utkinton and Cotebrook (Cheshire West and Chester); Hugglescote and Donington le Heath (North West Leicestershire); Georgeham (North Devon); South Cerney (Cotswold); Compton (West Berkshire); West Clandon (Guildford); Charmouth (Dorset); Yetminster and Ryme Intrinseca (Dorset); Stinsford (Dorset); Upton-by-Chester (Cheshire West and Chester); North Cadbury and Yarlinton (South Somerset); Wilshamstead (Bedford) and Pimperne (Dorset). He has most recently examined the Swannington Neighbourhood Plan (North West Leicestershire) and is currently examining the Fairford Neighbourhood Plan (Cotswold).

Links to Andy's reports on the Yetminster and Ryme Intrinseca and Stinsford Neighbourhood Plans are provided below:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/35024/2004009/Yetminster+and+Ryme+Intrinseca+NP+Examiner+Report+061221.pdf/3f65b0a3-bdef-14c8-213d-327ee1bad4c9>

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/35024/2291552/Stinsford+NP+Examiner+Report+020222.pdf/18cefd18-fb88-dd9c-8001-5acb730934ff>

The range of Andy's wider planning work previously undertaken includes section 78 appeals on planning applications, local plans, minerals and waste planning, nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs), planning enforcement, compulsory purchase and transport works orders. He was further a lead member of the local plans advisory team supporting local authorities preparing plans; representing PINS at numerous external Planning events and delivering training to other Planning Inspectors.

Notably, Andy's expertise extends to a very significant and varied portfolio of hundreds of planning appeals. He has dealt with small and large-scale housing schemes at various stages of his career, including several significant schemes in central London in Islington, Camden and Tower Hamlets, as well as in the wider countryside.

Andy was one of the first Planning Inspectors to undertake NSIP casework under the Planning Act 2008. He undertook NSIP casework (or similar), beginning with the St Albans Strategic Freight Rail Interchange inquiry in 2009, where the impact of the proposal on nearby residents was one of the main considerations. Additional NSIP casework included an examination into an offshore wind farm in the North Sea, with associated onshore facilities including a very large substation to be constructed near houses, and an examination into a gas pipeline which would have traversed East Yorkshire from near Selby to the North Sea, with again the impact on nearby residents being a consideration.

Prior to becoming a Planning Inspector in 1988, Andy worked for Wiltshire County Council and Devon County Council.

Andy is a very keen walker, with a particular love of coastal footpaths and mountain peaks.