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EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir/Madam

Examination into the Pembrokeshire Local Development Plan 2

My name is Ian Stevens. I am the Planning Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers to examine the soundness and legal compliance of the Pembrokeshire Local Development Plan 2 2017-2033 ('the LDP'). Going forward, the examination will be administered by me as the sole Inspector.

The Council consulted on the second Deposit LDP from 21 October 2024 to 16 December 2024, and on Focussed Changes to the second Deposit LDP from 4 August to 15 September 2025. The Plan which we will examine is the second Deposit LDP as amended by the Focussed Changes.

I am writing to you because you or your organisation made representations during the consultation on the Deposit LDP or Focussed Changes.

Deborah Williamson is the Programme Officer who will assist me with the examination. Although appointed by the Council, she will work for me in administering the examination and hearings and is independent of the Council. All correspondence and submissions relating to the examination should be sent to Deborah, who may be contacted using the details shown in the header of this letter.

Participation in hearings and deadline for requesting to participate

The examination will include a series of public hearings which will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. We expect these hearings to begin on Tuesday 10 November 2026 and to continue across 4 weeks, including a break during the third week.

A draft hearings programme has been published which includes a list of potential hearings participants and an outline of the matters to be discussed. **Please note that this is a 'live' document which is subject to change.** I aim to publish the final timetable for the hearings, a definitive list of participants for each session, and the detailed list of matters, issues and questions, by 18 September 2026.

The hearings will be open to the public to observe, but only those who have made representations within the prescribed time periods and who seek changes to the Plan have a right to participate in the hearings. Those who have already indicated to the Council that they wish to be heard have been assigned to relevant sessions as shown on the draft hearings programme. I may also invite additional participants if considered necessary on a particular issue.

Any written representations that you have already made will carry equal weight to oral evidence given during the hearings. However, if you wish to speak at a hearing but are not listed on the draft hearings programme, and you have made a representation which you consider makes you eligible to participate in a hearing, please get in touch with the Programme Officer as soon as possible.

Whether or not you are identified as a participant on the draft programme, it is ESSENTIAL that all participants CONFIRM their intention to speak at a hearing session with the Programme Officer no later than 12 noon on 28 August 2026. If your participation in a hearing has not been confirmed by this date, I will assume that you are happy for your views to be dealt with via written representations, irrespective of what you may have previously stated. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

It would also assist the Programme Officer if you could confirm your contact details, in particular your email address (if you have one) as future communications will be conducted electronically as far as possible. Please quote your Representor ID shown at the top of this letter in all correspondence.

Information and guidance about the examination

The examination website provides up-to-date information about the examination and hearings: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/local-development-plan-review/examination-2025>. Documents submitted by the Inspector, Programme Officer, Council and others will be published on this website. You should check it regularly for the latest information, including changes to the hearings programme.

A Pre-Hearing Meeting will not be held for this examination. Instead, a Guidance Note for participants has been published alongside this letter on the examination website. Please ensure that you read it carefully and comply with the guidance during the examination.

The Council provides internet access at public libraries. Anyone wishing to view hard copies of examination documents should contact the Programme Officer who will be happy to assist.

Translation and special assistance at hearings

Correspondence in both Welsh and English is welcomed and examination documents will be available bilingually. Where some or all participants in a hearing have indicated a preference to communicate in the Welsh language, translation facilities will be arranged. If you intend to speak Welsh at a hearing it would be appreciated if you could confirm this with the Programme Officer as soon as possible prior to the event so that the Council can make the necessary arrangements. Not informing us beforehand has no impact on your right to participate in Welsh, but it may delay proceedings whilst simultaneous translation services are arranged.

Participants who have specific requirements and require assistance during the examination should contact the Programme Officer as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact me via the Programme Officer.

Yours faithfully

Ian Stevens
Inspector