

THE LDP EXAMINATION IS UNDERWAY – THE PROCESS – short version

Summary

Examination = whole process from submission in December 2015 until Inspector's Report delivered to PCC.

All about "Soundness"

Inspector to decide:

- Does the plan fit other national plans and is it internally consistent?
- Is the plan appropriate for the area in light of evidence?
- Will it deliver? / be effective in achieving its aims?

Named Welsh Planning Inspector (PIN)

NICOLA GULLEY

Named Program Officer (Admin & Go-between)

TRACEY SMITH

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| 1. Documents and Responses Submitted | soon, early Dec. |
| 2. Possible Exploratory Meeting
If PIN has doubts re "soundness" - to decide how to proceed | PIN will decide |
| 3. Pre-Hearing Meeting
Sets out main issues and what needs to be addressed in hearing | early Feb. 2017 |
| 4. Hearing
PCC & objectors (& their optional reps)
PIN directs flexible agenda of issues | late Mar to early May
3-4 days/wk |
| 5. PIN writes binding report and it is checked before LDP adoption
Welsh Gov. can interfere if conflicts with national policy. | months – end 2017? |

Soundness of Further Focussed Changes could come up at any point between stage1 and end of 4.

PIN could suspend LDP for 6 months' more work as happened earlier this year.

PIN could decide whole LDP cannot be made sound - have to start again from beginning.

PIN could decide some bits have to go – not at all clear whether some Further Focussed Changes can be retained while ditching others.

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This is our understanding of process from sources below.

*More information about procedure: (best sources *)*

PINS LDP Plan Examination: Procedure Guidance (August 2014)*

PINS LDPs Preparing for submission (August 2014)

PINS Guidance for Programme Officers: LDP Examinations (June 2014)

All at: <http://gov.wales/topics/planning/appeals/examination-process/?lang=en>

Welsh Government: Local Development Plan Manual (October 2015)*

<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/policy-and-guidance-on-development-plans/ldpmanual/?lang=en>

Planning Policy Wales (9) Ch.2 November 2016

<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/ppw/?lang=en>

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