

Archived Latest News

06.03.26 - The Council have now commenced a six-week consultation on proposed Modifications to the Local Plan. Existing representors and consultees will be contacted directly with an invitation to submit comments which in due course will be forwarded to the Inspector to assist her deliberations and final report preparation. A link to the consultation webpage is provided in the Modifications section below.

25.2.26 - A final version of proposed modifications to the Local Plan is nearing a conclusion and the Council anticipate commencing a related consultation exercise in early March. All existing consultees will receive details of this directly, in addition to which related information will be provided via this webpage.

09.09.25 – An updated hearings programme incorporating modest changes to previous timetable has been advised to representors and added to the Examination library as item INSP006b. The hearings will commence on Tuesday 16 September at the Council Offices on Ormerod Street and potential attendees are encouraged to arrive in good time as local parking can sometimes be in short supply – the Programme Officer will be pleased to advise further if contacted.

01.09.25 – The deadline for responses to the Inspector's Matters Issues and Questions has now passed and these may be viewed in library sections EL2 and EL3 below. Representors and other interested parties are encouraged to view the Examination webpage from time to time for latest news regarding the forthcoming hearings. The Programme Officer will also be in direct contact with intended participants ahead of the hearings.

26.08.25 – Natural England have now advised that the woodland at Cut Lane Rishton is no longer considered as ancient woodland – library item H020 provides their full report.

18.08.25 – The first Matters Issues and Questions (MIQs) response has now been received and has been added to a new section EL2 below which will also be the location for further MIQ responses as and when received.

29.07.25 – The Council and Burnley Borough Council have now agreed a Statement of Common Ground and this may be viewed as item H018 in the examination library below.

25.07.25 – The Council and National Highways have now agreed a Statement of Common Ground and this may be viewed as item H017 in the examination library below.

25.07.25 – The Programme Officer has circulated representors with the Inspector's Matters Issues and Questions ('MIQs') and related information concerning the forthcoming hearings – see library items INSP005a-d below.

18.07.25 – A letter to the Inspector from National Highways on transport matters has been added to the Examination library below as item EL1.001

18.07.25 – The Council and Lancashire County Council Education Authority have now agreed a Statement of Common Ground and this may be viewed as item H016 in the examination library below.

14.07.25 – The Council's further response to the Inspector's Initial Questions is now available in the library below as items H011 to H015. **03.06.25** – The Programme Officer has provided an update to representors including proposed hearing dates – see library item INSP003.

14.05.25 – The Council's response to the Inspector's Initial Questions have now been provided and may be accessed as items H002-H010 in the Examination library below. Further news regarding the timing of public hearings and the production of the Inspector's Matters Issues and Questions will be provided in due course.

26.04.25 – The Programme Officer has sent an introductory email to representors – this may be viewed as item INSP002 in the examination library below.

23.04.25 – The Inspector has asked the Council to respond on a number of initial questions which may be viewed in the library below as item INSP001. These will inform the next stage of the process – the Inspector's Matters Issues and Questions – at which point representors will be invited to submit further comments. **02.04.25** – Details of the Inspector appointed for this Examination are now noted below. No correspondence should be sent for her attention at this stage but the programme officer is available to answer any procedural queries prior to further information which will follow in the near future.

01.06.26 - A letter from National Highways to the Council regarding RIS3 funding in the context of Huncoat Garden Village and the M65 junction 8 has been added to the webpage as item H021 below.

12.05.26 - Following the end of the recent Modifications consultation the Council are now in the process of submitting all responses to the Inspector to assist her deliberations and progression to her final report. No further comments from representors are presently required but the Programme Officer remains available for any enquiries of an administrative nature. An anticipated date for production of the Inspector's final report is not currently available.