

Examination of the Portsmouth Local Plan

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Dear Representor,

Examination of the Portsmouth Local Plan

I wrote to you in April 2026 to inform you that the examination of the Portsmouth Local Plan had commenced. I can now inform you that the hearing sessions for the examination will be held at:

Executive Meeting Room
Third Floor, Portsmouth Guildhall
Guildhall Square
Portsmouth PO1 2AB

The hearings will start at 10:00 on Tuesday 6 October 2026.

The Inspectors have issued the following documents regarding the examination, which I have linked below.

- [ID02 Inspectors' Guidance Note](#)
- [ID03 Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions \(MIQs\)](#)
- [ID04 Initial Hearing Programme](#)

Please take the time to read these documents carefully and familiarise yourself with the information given, important deadlines set by the Inspectors, as well as the hearing session venue; especially if you intend on undertaking further part in the examination.

The Inspectors' Guidance Note explains the procedures and administrative arrangements to assist you in participating in this examination process. It also includes details of important deadlines including those for submitting statements in response to the Inspectors' MIQs. The guidance note also sets out how to prepare and submit statements in response to the MIQs.

The Inspectors' MIQs identify the main issues of soundness and legal compliance upon which the examination will focus, including during the hearing sessions.

The Initial Hearing Programme sets out the expected dates for the hearing sessions. However, this is subject to change and you should refer regularly to the examination website. It is your responsibility to keep yourself up to date with the arrangements and programme.

Participating in the Hearing Sessions

If you wish to participate at the hearing sessions, you are required to let me know which hearing sessions you wish to participate in. Please email me at programmeofficer@portsmouthcc.gov.uk before **17:00 on 11 September 2026**, stating:

- who you will be representing
- your representor ID
- what hearing session(s) you wish to participate in - please provide the matter(s) number
- the name of your participant

If you do not contact the Programme Officer by this date it will be assumed that you do not wish to participate at the hearings.

If you wish to participate in the hearing sessions and have any specific needs, please let me know as soon as possible.

Hearing Statements

If you intend on submitting a hearing statement in response to the Inspectors' MIQs, please carefully read the Inspectors' guidance concerning hearing statements.

Electronic copies should be sent to programmeofficer@portsmouthcc.gov.uk by **9.00am on 21 September 2026**.

Attending the Hearing sessions as a non-participant

The hearing sessions will be livestreamed. If you wish to attend any of the public hearing sessions in person as a non-participant, you are welcome to attend without prior notification. However, to assist with administrative arrangements, I kindly request that, where possible, you let me know the name of the attendee, the hearing session(s) you intend to attend and the names of any other people in your party.

Please email this information to programmeofficer@portsmouthcc.gov.uk by **9.00am on 21 September 2026**.

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Summary of Key Dates

- 19 August 2026 - MIQs, Guidance Note and Initial Hearing programme published
- 17:00 11 September 2026 - Deadline to confirm with Programme Officer what hearing sessions you wish to participate in
- 09:00 21 September 2026- Deadline for submission of Hearing Statements and Statements of Common Ground
- 10:00 Tuesday 6 October 2026 - Hearing sessions start

Please ensure you check the Latest News section of the examination webpages regularly as this will be updated with important examination news. It is the responsibility of individual participants to check the latest timetable and to ensure that they are present at the correct time.

[View the Latest News](#)

Further information regarding the hearing sessions will be added to the Hearing Sessions webpage in due course:

[View the Hearing Sessions webpage](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the contents of this email.

If you are unsure as to why you have received this email, it may be because you signed a petition or submitted a representation during the 2024 consultation period, which may have been via a third-party campaign portal such as the 'Don't Cross the Line' campaign regarding Tipner West and Horsea Island East launched by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

Yours faithfully,

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