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Dear Representor,

**North Hertfordshire District Council Local Plan (2011-2031)
Public Examination**

As a respondent to the consultation on the pre-submission draft of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan, I am writing to advise you that the Secretary of State has appointed Inspector Simon Berkeley BA MA MRTPI to carry out the independent examination of the plan. He will determine whether it has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and that it is 'sound' i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

I have been appointed as the independent Programme Officer to assist the Inspector with all aspects of the examination and my contact details are set out above. Prior to the hearing sessions of the examination, the Inspector does not have direct contact with either the Council or Representors, and all communications with the Inspector take place through the Programme Officer.

The Inspector is currently appraising the Local Plan and I will be in contact again when I am able to give you further information on the examination process and key dates. As there are a large number of representations this is not likely to be for a couple of months, but information on the examination is kept up to date on the Council web-pages. The easiest way to keep in touch with the progress of the examination is to click on the link below and scroll down to the tab entitled 'Latest News and Updates'.

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-examination>

If you would prefer not to receive any further information on the examination, please let me know and I will remove your details from the notification list.

I am your point of contact throughout the examination process, and if you have any queries at any stage of the examination please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

Louise St. John Howe

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