

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE IVERS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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cc: Rachael Riach
Buckinghamshire Council

Via email

2 August 2022

Dear Councillor Beary

The Ivers Neighbourhood Plan Examination

I write in response to your email of 28 July, responding to my requests for clarification on The Ivers Neighbourhood Plan (TINP).

In this response, you highlight concerns that many of the questions raise matters that it considers have been addressed in detail in the submission documentation and that there is the potential for a material misunderstanding of the position of the TINP in relation to the emerging Bucks Local Plan and the Iver Relief Road project. You suggest that this warrants the holding of an exploratory meeting.

With regard to the Local Plan, the position of Bucks Council has been made clear in its response to my Questions 1 and 9. It has been confirmed that work on the Local Plan has not progressed, primarily because of potential changes to the local plan system and the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill. It is on that basis that I will examine the Neighbourhood Plan.

In terms of the Relief Road project, my initial questions were framed with reliance on the Regulation 14 consultation response from Bucks Council, including a late response from Bucks Council Transport. This is set out in Appendix 7.4.20.3 of the Consultation Statement (as found on the Bucks Council web-site). This states under IV15 that 'Delivery of the Iver Relief Road remains Council policy, it has not been abandoned'.

Unfortunately, I was initially not sent a copy of the Regulation 16 response from Bucks Council, but I now have the benefit of that submission and it is clear to me that funding for the Relief Road is not secured and a route has not been formally identified. The advice in the Regulation 14 consultation response has clearly been superseded. Bucks Council has confirmed that it does not object to the omission of a proposal for a Relief Road in the Neighbourhood Plan and it is on that basis that I will examine the Neighbourhood Plan.

I am satisfied that I have all the evidence I require to proceed with writing my Report and, bearing in mind the clarification that I have received on the aforementioned issues, I do not consider the convening of a meeting with interested parties will now be necessary or proportionate under the circumstances.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of this letter and any respective responses are placed on the Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Council websites.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Your sincerely

David Hogger

Examiner