

**Maldon District Local Development Plan
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Dear Mr Fenwick

Examination of the Maldon District Local Development Plan

Thank you for your letter of 5 May 2016.

I am grateful for the timetable you have provided, setting out dates for the submission of statements addressing the matters I raised previously.

I anticipate that the Council wishes to progress the examination with expediency. To that end, I am ready to proceed rapidly. However, your timetable does not set the pace I had envisaged. I had latterly hoped to advance to hearings before August. The timeframe you indicate puts that in doubt. Indeed, it makes it unlikely that this will be possible.

I appreciate that compiling the information I have asked for and composing the statements takes time, and I would rather that a robust and thorough job be done now. That said, if this is achievable more quickly than your letter suggests, that would be welcomed.

Please rest assured that irrespective of when I receive the information I have requested, I will schedule the hearings to take place at the earliest opportunity.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me through my Programme Officer, Andrea Copsey. As I said before, I will do all I can in this regard.

Yours sincerely

Simon Berkeley

Inspector