

Clifton Hampden Neighbourhood Development Order

Examiner's Update

Context

The District Council has sent me a copy of the Parish Council's note of 26 September 2024. That note has been published on the District Council's website.

The hearing

The Parish Council's note highlights the uncertainty which currently exists about its views on the matter, and the way in which it is working with the other relevant parties on the contents of the Order. In all the circumstances, I am not satisfied that there is sufficient clarity to allow a meaningful debate on the Order to take place at the hearing scheduled for 15 October 2024.

On this basis, I have asked the District Council to cancel the hearing.

The overall examination

A key element of the scheduled hearing would have been to bring the various outstanding issues to a head. It would also have assisted me in reaching a view about the extent to which the Order meets the basic conditions (and any recommended modifications which may be required to ensure that the Order met the basic conditions).

As the hearing has been cancelled, I suspend the overall examination of the Order. No further action will be taken until an update has been received from the Parish Council.

The next steps

I invite the Parish Council to undertake further discussions with the other parties involved in the Order and to advise on whether it wishes the Order to be examined as submitted, or whether it wishes to make revisions and/or updates to the Order.

If it takes the second option, I will need to liaise with the District Council on the need or otherwise for additional consultation on a revised Order.

To provide assurance to all concerned, I ask that the Parish Council provides a timescale for how it intends to proceed as quickly as possible, and by no later than 18 October 2024.

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