

## **Examination of the Epping Forest District Local Plan 2011 – 2033**

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By email only

Dear Ms. Blom-Cooper,

Thank you for your progress report of 24 April outlining how your response to my post-hearing advice and the preparation of Main Modifications (MMs) to the Plan is likely to be affected by the present situation with Coronavirus. You correctly note the Planning Inspectorate's position that Inspectors will continue, where possible, to progress the post-hearing stages of examinations and I will do so in this case. The Planning Inspectorate's advice can be viewed here:-

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/875472/240320\\_Local\\_Plan\\_updated\\_advice\\_-\\_external.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/875472/240320_Local_Plan_updated_advice_-_external.pdf)

and will be kept up to date.

In light of the challenges faced by Councils and others involved in the examination process, I am pleased to see that you are continuing work towards consultation on the MMs in the autumn (from October). I note your anticipated work programme and the stages at which my feedback will be required. I acknowledge that this could change in the circumstances and so if any of the milestones are subject to significant delay, please advise me via the Programme Officer.

Yours sincerely,

**Louise Phillips**

INSPECTOR