

DITCHLING STREAT AND WESTMESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NP) MAY 2017

EXAMINER'S SECOND STATEMENT 15 NOVEMBER 2017

Christopher Lockhart-Mummery QC

Independent Examiner

1. I have received and reviewed the joint Response to my first Statement dated 11 October 2017. The Response was most helpful in resolving the queries I raised.
2. I am now able to confirm that, although the Examination of the NP will be more complex than originally contemplated, I do not consider it necessary to hold a hearing. If further queries arise as I proceed, I am confident that they are likely to be capable of being dealt with in writing.
3. It was contemplated that the Examination would require 5-7 days of my time. Bearing in mind the time already spent, it may be appropriate to allow for up to 10 days.
4. I will aim to issue a draft Report, for fact-checking purposes only, to the authorities and the QB, by 15 December 2017. I may be able to improve on this timing.
5. I will propose that a period of 7-10 days will be adequate for a combined response on fact-checking. I will be able to issue the final Report promptly after this.
6. In view of recent experience elsewhere, I stress (and will stress again) that the fact-checking process is just that, and is not the opportunity for the making of any further representations.

Christopher Lockhart-Mummery QC

Examiner

15 November 2017