
Examination of the Central Lancashire Local Plan

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Dear Representor,

Examination of the Central Lancashire Local Plan

I wrote to you in August to inform you that the examination of the Central Lancashire Local Plan had commenced. I can now inform you that the hearing sessions for the examination will be held at:

Preston Town Hall, Lancaster Rd, Preston, PR1 2RL
Chorley Town Hall, Market St, Chorley, PR7 1DP
Leyland Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH

The hearings will start at 09:30 on Tuesday 2 December 2025. The Inspectors will confirm which matters will be held in which venues in due course.

The Inspectors have issued the following documents regarding the examination, which I have linked below.

- [ID2 Inspector's Examination Guidance Note](#)
- [ID3 Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions \(MIQs\)](#)

Please take the time to read these documents carefully and familiarise yourself with the information given, important deadlines set by the Inspectors, as well as the hearing session venues; especially if you intend on undertaking an active role in the examination.

The Inspectors' Guidance Note explains the procedures and administrative arrangements to assist you in participating in this examination process. It also includes details of important deadlines including those for submitting statements in response to the Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions. The guidance note also sets out how to prepare and submit statements in response to the MIQs.

The Inspectors' MIQs identify the main issues of soundness and legal compliance upon which the examination will focus, including during the hearing sessions.

The Provisional Hearings programme sets out the expected dates for the hearing sessions. However, this is subject to change and you should refer regularly to the examination website. It is your responsibility to keep yourself up to date with the arrangements and programme.

Participation and Observation

If you wish to participate in or observe the hearing sessions, you are required to let me know which hearing session(s) you wish to participate in or observe. Please email me at programme.officer@chorley.gov.uk before **17:00 23 October 2025** stating who you will be representing, what hearing session(s) you wish to participate in or observe (please provide the matter and question number) and the name of your participant.

If you do not contact the Programme Officer by this date, it will be assumed that you do not wish to speak at or observe the hearings.

Hearing Statements

If you intend on submitting a hearing statement, please carefully read the Inspectors' guidance concerning hearing statements. An electronic and paper copy are required before **17:00, 6 November 2025**. Electronic copies should be sent to programme.officer@chorley.gov.uk. A paper copy should be sent to Central Lancashire Examination, Pendragon House, 1 Bertram Drive, Wirral, CH47 0LG. Please ensure your paper copy arrives timely.

Summary of Key Dates

- 9 October 2025 - Matters, Issues and Questions and Inspector's Guidance Note published
- 17:00 23 October 2025 - Deadline to confirm with Programme Officer what hearing sessions you wish to participate in
- 17:00 6 November 2025 - Deadline for submission of hearing statements – electronic and 1 paper copy
- 09:30 Tuesday 2 December 2025 - Hearing sessions start

Please ensure you check the Latest News section of the examination webpages regularly as this will be updated with important examination news. It is the responsibility of individual participants to check the latest timetable and to ensure that they are present at the correct time.

[View the Latest News](#)

Further information regarding the hearing sessions will be added to the Hearing Sessions webpage in due course.

[View the Hearing Sessions webpage](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Also, if you wish to attend or participate in the hearing sessions and have any specific needs, please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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