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Dear Sir or Madam:

Mid Sussex District Council Local Plan Examination – Programme Officer Role, Introduction and Details of the Exploratory Meeting on Duty To Cooperate

I am contacting you as a duly made representor to the Mid Sussex Local Plan Consultation. As you are aware, an examination will be held to consider the soundness of the Plan. The Secretary of State has appointed an independent Inspector, Mr David Hoggar BA MSc MRTPI MIHT, to conduct the Examination.

I have been appointed as the independent Programme Officer working under the Inspector's direction. The Programme Officer is responsible for managing the day to day arrangements of the examination process before and during the period of the examination, recording all documents submitted, arranging for the inspection of sites by the Inspector and dealing with correspondence on his behalf to those have made representations, including requests for and exchange of all statements. This will include any communication or correspondence between the Inspector and the Local Planning Authority, in this case Mid Sussex District Council

For more guidance on the process and my role, The Planning Inspectorate has produced a booklet 'Local Development Frameworks – Examining Development Plan Documents: Procedure Guidance'. A copy of this document is available for viewing or downloads on the Planning Inspectorate's Planning Portal web site:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/planningsystem/localplans>

However, if you require a paper version please let me know.

For your further information the Inspector, has arranged an Exploratory Meeting to discuss the Duty to Co-operate. The public meeting will be held at **14.00 on Monday 16th September, in the Council Chamber at Mid Sussex Council Offices, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath RH16 1SS.**

He has invited a representative from the following Councils to attend: Adur, Arun, Brighton and Hove, Chichester, Crawley, Horsham, Lewes, Mid Sussex and Worthing. He has also invited a representative of the South Downs National Park.

Mid Sussex District Council is currently preparing a short statement regarding the current situation on the issue which it is hoped can be circulated prior to the meeting. The Inspector is not requesting any further written submissions from the other participants.

Representations regarding the Duty to Co-operate have been submitted by other interested parties but at this stage the Inspector will focus primarily on the situation as it relates to the relevant authorities. The meeting will be held in public and there will be the opportunity for others to comment but the Inspector anticipates that such contributions may be more appropriately made at the first Hearing session.

A Note of the meeting will be prepared and placed on the Examination web page.

My details are at the top of this letter and on the council's examination webpage, should you need to contact me. The Link to the web page is as follows:
<http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/8978.htm>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Banks". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Chris Banks

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