

02 December 2025

By email:

To: Christopher Collison – Independent Examiner

cc: Senior Planning Policy and Place Officer - North Yorkshire Council

Dear Chris

Examiner Initial Letter

Thank you for your email with attached initial letter, dated 21 November 2025, confirming that the examination has now commenced and setting out how it will be conducted. This letter formally acknowledges receipt of your communication and confirms that its content has been noted.

In terms of communication, all correspondence with you will be copied to North Yorkshire Council and we agree that any advisors to the Town Council will channel their communication through the Town Council.

We agree that all documents sent to you throughout the independent examination should be made available for the inspection of interested parties and further agree that this is best achieved via publication on the North Yorkshire Council website.

We have already provided our feed back on the Regulation 16 representations of all other parties to you via North Yorkshire Council and we have no additional comments at this stage.

We recognise and support your intention to require written clarification on any particular matters jointly from North Yorkshire Council and Knaresborough Town Council working together.

We welcome the indicative time frame of February 2026 to receive a confidential draft of your report but recognise that this may be subject to change. Finally, we confirm our willingness to participate in the fact checking of your emerging draft report on the terms indicated.

Yours sincerely

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