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Dear Respondent

North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Joint Plan examination

As minerals and waste planning authorities, North Yorkshire County Council, the City of York Council and the North York Moors National Park Authority are producing a minerals and waste joint plan. They formally submitted this for examination on 28 November 2017. The Secretary of State has appointed Elizabeth Ord LLB(Hons) LLM MA DipTUS as the Inspector to undertake the independent examination of the Plan. Her role is to determine whether the Plan is sound and complies with all legal requirements. The criteria for soundness are whether the Plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

I have been appointed as the Programme Officer for the examination. I am independent from the Council and work under the Inspector's direction. My main responsibilities include liaising with all parties to ensure the smooth running of the examination, organising the hearing programme and assisting the Inspector with administrative and procedural matters.

The Inspector has now issued her Briefing note for participants. This is enclosed with this letter as well as a formal notification of the hearings. I will circulate the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions and a draft timetable for the hearings within the next week or so.

Examination hearings are due to commence on **Tuesday 27 February 2018**. Details and advice to participants are set out in the Briefing Note.

I can see from my records that some people indicated on their original consultation submission that they wished to speak at the hearings. I would be grateful if you could please confirm if this is still the case or whether you wish this to change. Please note that written representations carry the same weight as representations that are made in

person during the hearing sessions. **I would be grateful if you can let me know by 5pm on 12 February 2018 if it remains your intention to attend the examination hearings.** If I do not hear from you by this date I will presume that you are relying on your written representations. Further mail shots regarding the examination will be directed just to participants. Any updates regarding the examination, all documentation, and correspondence between the Inspector and the Council will be posted on the examination website.

If you have any queries on any aspects of the examination process, please do not hesitate to contact me. More information can be found on the examination website at: [www.northyorks.gov.uk/examination](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/examination).

Yours sincerely

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