

**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Local Development Plan
Examination**

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Dear

**Pre-Hearing Meeting – Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan (LDP) - Tuesday 24
April 2012 at 2.00 pm
ED. 5 - Agenda for the PHM
ED. 6 - Inspector's Guidance Notes
ED. 7 – Draft Hearing Programme & List of Sessions**

I wish to advise you that the Pre-Hearing Meeting (PHM) for the Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council LDP Examination is to be held on Tuesday 24th April 2012 at 2.00 pm in The Drawing Room, General Offices, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent, NP23 6DN. The meeting is to help Vincent Maher (the Inspector) and all interested parties prepare for the Hearings. Mr Maher will outline the procedures to be followed during the examination, particularly in relation to the Hearing sessions. There will be some discussion of the scheduling of the Hearings but the meeting will not provide an opportunity to discuss the merits of the Plan. It is important that all those who intend to participate in the Hearings sessions attend this meeting. However, if you cannot attend, you will receive a note of the meeting.

An agenda and set of guidance notes are attached which you should read before the meeting. A draft hearing programme and list of sessions are also included. The hearing sessions cover a range of issues which the Inspector has identified and focus on the overall soundness of the Plan, having regard to the soundness tests identified in Local Development Plans Procedure Guidance and the matters raised by the representations. The aim is to allow the Inspector to conduct a structured exploration of the issues arising to help him assess the Plan's soundness.

The hearing sessions are set to start on Tuesday 26th June 2012 and will follow the running order indicated on the programme until Tuesday 17th July 2012. Some sessions may over-run and timings may change. I will publicise any change to the timetable of the

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Examination at the earliest opportunity but you are advised to check the LDP Examination website address regularly or phone me to check for the latest information.

All Examination documents (referenced ED) can be viewed on the website to which the Council provides free access at all public libraries. Alternatively please contact me to arrange a suitable time if you wish to view paper copies in the Examination library at The General Offices, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent, NP23 6DN.

Please note that the deadline for confirming your attendance at the PHM and Hearing Sessions is 17th April 2012. If you have not already done so, please complete and return the slip (previously sent on 2nd March 2012) or contact me via e-mail on programmeofficer@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk.

If you should have any queries regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact me on 01495 355716.

Yours sincerely

**Jeanette John
Programme Officer**

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