

**Examination of the Medway Local Plan 2041****Inspector Andrew McCormack BSc (Hons) MRTPI****Inspector Darren Hendley BA (Hons) MA MRTPI****Programme Officer: Louise St John Howe****Telephone: 07789 486419****Email: louise@poservices.co.uk****Address: PO Services, Unit 162298, PO Box 7169, Poole, Dorset BH15 9EL****Examination Website: <https://medway.oc2.uk>**

Mr Dave Harris
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By email only

1 October 2026

Dear Mr Harris,

Medway Local Plan 2041 – Phase 2 Hearings: Schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions and Initial Phase 2 Hearing Programme

1. Please find attached our Schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs) for the Phase 2 Hearings for the Examination of the Medway Local Plan 2041 and a Draft Hearing Programme for the Phase 2 hearings. Please ensure that these documents are placed on the Examination Webpage as soon as possible.
2. The period for receipt of Hearing Statements on the Phase 2 MIQs will run from today until 5pm on Thursday 29 October 2026 and it is requested that Hearing Statements will be received and accepted in accordance with the requirements set out in our Guidance Note (ref: ED13 in the Examination Document Library), issued on 30 July 2026. Please note that the deadline for those indicating a wish to participate in the Phase 2 Hearings is 5pm on Thursday 22 October 2026. Those wishing to do so should contact our Programme Officer, Louise St John Howe before that deadline.
3. We note the Council's confirmation that the Phase 2 hearings will take place at Gillingham Football Club and we confirm that the hearings shall be held during the weeks commencing 16 and 23 November 2026. The Draft Hearing Programme attached indicates the days of each hearing session allocated for the Matters to be discussed. This programme may be subject to change and any updates will be notified to the Council and shall be published on the Examination Webpage, as required.

Should you have any queries relating to the matters we have set out above, please contact us, via the Programme Officer Louise St John Howe for clarification.

Yours sincerely,

A McCormack and *D Hendley*

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Attached: Schedule of Maters Issues and Questions for Phase 2 Hearings
 Draft Phase 2 Hearing Programme