

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE CHAPEL AND HILL
CHORLTON, MAER AND ASTON, AND WHITMORE
NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

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To Debra Powell Parish Clerk Whitmore Parish Council (Lead Parish Council) and Peter Hamilton Neighbourhood Planning Officer Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

(copy to Mark Kirk Planning Policy Officer Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council and Judith Oppenheimer Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group; Janet Simpson Clerk Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council; and Elena Sudlow Clerk Maer and Aston Parish Council)

By email dated 17 July 2019

Dear All

Chapel and Hill Chorlton, Maer and Aston, and Whitmore Neighbourhood Development Plan Independent Examination - Examiner letter inviting participation in fact check

As soon as it has reached a suitably advanced stage of preparation, and before I undertake my final checks, it is my intention to send a confidential draft of my report of Independent Examination to both the lead Parish Council and the Borough Council. I will be sending the draft report for fact checking only, so that I may correct any errors of fact. I normally ask for a response within a few days and this has usually been found to be sufficient.

If either Council share the draft with other parties please ensure the confidential and draft status of the document is made clear. This fact check procedure should not be seen as an opportunity to make further representations. Indeed, it is important that this should not occur as if I were to take into consideration further representations at that stage, this could leave the process open to successful challenge.

I would be grateful if both the lead Parish Council and the Borough Council could in the next few working days confirm agreement to be given the opportunity to undertake a fact check of my confidential draft report on the terms set out in this email. Please publish this email on the Borough Council website so that the examination process is open and transparent to all interested parties

I should be grateful if the Borough Council and the lead Parish Council could acknowledge receipt of this email.

Best regards

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