

Examination of Elmbridge Borough Council's Draft Elmbridge Local Plan 2037 - Notice of Independent Examination Hearing

Elmbridge Borough Council

Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

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The Draft Elmbridge Local Plan 2037 was submitted to the Secretary of State for its independent Examination on 10 August 2023. The Secretary of State has appointed Christa Masters MA (Hons) FRTPI to carry out an independent Examination of the Plan and subsequently issue a report with conclusions. As part of the independent Examination, the Inspector will hold a number of public hearing sessions.

Stage 1 Hearing Sessions

Stage 1 of the Examination in Public (EiP) hearing sessions were announced on Wednesday 20 December 2023 with the corresponding [Public Notice](#) published the same day.

The Stage 1 hearings will be held during the week beginning 26 February 2024. The hearing sessions will commence on Tuesday 27 February, at 10:00 am, with Wednesday 28 February in reserve (also starting at 10:00 am).

The session will cover Matter 1: the Duty to Cooperate, Legal and Procedural Compliance. The Inspector's MIQs and guidance note for Stage 1 are available to view in the [Hearing Sessions](#) area of the Council's Local Plan Examination website.

Stage 2 Hearing Sessions

Stage 2 of the EiP hearing sessions will cover the spatial strategy and the distribution of growth over the Plan period, including the approach to the Green Belt and site allocations. The Inspector's MIQs and guidance note for Stage 2 are available to view in the [Hearing Sessions](#) area of the Council's Local Plan Examination website.

The sessions will be structured by the following matters:

- Matter 2: the approach to housing need
- Matter 3: the vision, spatial strategy and the distribution of growth over the Plan period
- Matter 4: the housing requirement
- Matter 5: housing delivery
- Matter 6: affordable housing

- Matter 7: other housing matters
- Matter 8: meeting employment needs
- Matter 9: site allocations

The Stage 2 hearings will be held over the following four weeks (inclusive of reserve days) during the week commencing 22 April 2024, starting at 10:00 am on Thursday the 25 April 2024. There will be some flexibility on the start time of subsequent days which will start at 09:30 or 10:00.

- Week 1: Week commencing 22 April 2024
 - Thursday 25 April 2024 (10:00 am start)
 - Friday 26 April 2024
- Week 2: Week commencing 29 April 2024
 - Monday 29 April 2024
 - Tuesday 30 April 2024
 - Wednesday 1 May 2024
 - Thursday 2 May 2024
- Week 3: Week commencing 6 May 2024
 - Tuesday 7 May 2024
 - Wednesday 8 May 2024
 - Thursday 9 May 2024
 - Friday 10 May 2024
- Week 4: Week commencing 17 June 2024
 - Tuesday 18 June 2024
 - Wednesday 19 June 2024
 - Thursday 20 June 2024

Stage 3 of the EiP hearing sessions will be announced in due course.

The public hearing sessions will be held at: Elmbridge Borough Council Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, KT10 9SD, in the Council Chamber. Public observation will be available in the public gallery at the Civic Centre during the hearing sessions.

[See the Local Plan examination webpage for full details of the hearing sessions and to check for any changes or updates to the programme.](#) All new examination documents will be available on this webpage.

Read the Local Plan document - [Draft Elmbridge Local Plan 2037](#)

All [submission documents](#) can be viewed on the [Local examination webpage](#) and the [evidence base page](#).

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