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Thank you for your e-mail. I shall attend the public hearing on 11<sup>th</sup> July, and would like to register my interest in speaking with respect to the matters identified in sub-paras (1), (2) and (4) of paragraph 8 of the Guidance and Directions.

By way of background, I was for some time a member of the Goring Neighbourhood Plan team, and was party to a number of meetings with SODC as part of the process, and therefore have good insight into the development of the plan policy with respect to allocations, the need (or otherwise) for a local housing needs assessment, and the relative importance of flood risk vis a vis considerations of landscape in the site selection methodology. It was ultimately these matters on which my differences with others on the Plan team unfortunately became irreconcilable, and I left the team in March 2017.

I have no specific need to raise matters which are not already in evidence through the Reg 16 consultation, but I would like to register my name primarily to ensure a) that if the Examiner feels that he has insufficient information, I may possibly be able to help fill in gaps, and b) that there is rebuttal evidence available if the appointed representatives from either SODC or GPC make a point during the meeting that I consider to be erroneous on the matters being discussed.

One matter that I think should be brought to the Examiner's attention is an appeal decision with respect to a development proposal on the site of GNP13, which post-dated the Reg16 consultation period but would appear to be directly relevant to matters in para 8 sub paras (1), (2), and (4) of the Guidance and Directions, covering as it does matters pertaining to AONB harm, the desirability of flood risk sequential testing being done on a district wide basis, and the distinction between locally identified housing need and district-wide housing need. All of these matters I believe are central to the issues identified by the examiner for consideration at the public hearing. I attach a copy of the judgment hereto.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this e-mail. My contact number is below if you need to speak to me by phone for any reason.

Kind regards

David Bermingham

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 27 June 2018 16:54  
**Subject:** Goring Neighbourhood Plan Examination - Guidance and Directions

Good Afternoon

I am contacting you as you submitted representations during the publicity period of the draft Goring neighbourhood plan. The examination of the plan is now being undertaken by Timothy

Jones, of No5 Chambers. Please find attached guidance and directions from the examiner, which set out instructions for a public hearing taking place on Wednesday 11 July 2018 from 10am at Goring Village Hall, High Street, Goring-on-Thames, Oxon RG8 9AG.

The parish council will be publishing the public notice in the village notice boards and at the village hall this afternoon. The district council's [website](#) has also been updated.

Kind Regards

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