

Examination in Public

The draft Thanet Local Plan 2031 will now be subject to an examination to be conducted by independent Inspectors, who have been appointed by the Planning Inspectorate. Two Inspectors have been appointed to examine the plan; Matthew Birkinshaw BA(Hons) Msc MRTPI and Victoria Lucas LLB MCD MRTPI.

The **Council has appointed a Programme Officer** for this Examination - Ms Annette Feeney, who can be contacted during normal office hours c/o Thanet District Council, PO Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ, or by email at annette.feeney@thanet.gov.uk, or by telephone on: 07775 771026.

All parties who submitted representations on the plan at the pre-submission Publication stage (Regulation 19) will be contacted directly, with more information, in due course. Part of the process will involve hearing sessions where those invited to attend will have the opportunity to respond to matters raised by the Inspector. Please note invitation to participate is coordinated through the Planning Inspector and the Programme Officer, both of whom are independent from Thanet District Council. Information such as the hearing schedules and agendas will also be made available on the council's website when available. For the latest information please check the [Local Plan Examination website](#) regularly.

Further guidance in relation to the examination process is provided by the [Planning Inspectorate](#).