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My reference: Your reference:

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Dear Mr Fleming

## Examination into the Beech Neighbourhood Plan – Invitation to Participate at a Public Hearing

I am writing to you on behalf of the Independent Examiner, Ann Skippers, to invite you to participate at the Public Hearing into the Beech Neighbourhood Plan.

The Independent Examiner has decided to hold a Public Hearing to give you a fair chance to put forward your case. This is because the representation that you submitted to the Parish Council at the pre-submission (Regulation 14) stage was not considered by the Parish Council at that time.

Although you have made further representations at the submission stage, the Independent Examiner is keen to offer you the opportunity to orally put your case and then to hear from Beech Parish Council and East Hampshire District Council (where appropriate), to make sure that you have had a fair chance to assert your case concerning the proposals of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Public Hearing is due to be held on at **2pm**, **Wednesday 12**<sup>th</sup> **February** at **Beech Village Hall**. I would appreciate if you could confirm that the time and date are suitable for you, or other representatives from Gladman Developments Ltd, to attend. However, if you have commitments that would prevent you from attending on this date, please let me know as soon as possible.

Alternatively, you may decide that you do not wish to participate at the Public Hearing as you are satisfied you have made your case in full in writing at the submission stage. If this is the case, please confirm this to me as soon as possible.

You may decide you wish to attend the Public Hearing, but only wish to put forward your case orally on certain policies or issues. If you are happy to rely on your written representation made at the submission stage (via e-mail, dated 2 September 2019) for any of the policies or other issues you raised, please let me know so that I can inform the Independent Examiner, who will then tailor the agenda for the Public Hearing accordingly.

I enclose the draft formal Notice of Hearing for your information, which will be finalized when I have heard back from you regarding your availability for the Hearing.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience and by **Friday 27**<sup>th</sup> **December 2019** at the latest.

Yours faithfully



Victoria Potts Planning Policy Manager