

## George Blanchard

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**From:** George Blanchard  
**Sent:** 21 February 2020 11:55  
**To:** 'checlanningltd@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Stanton Drew Chair; Stanton Drew Clerk  
**Subject:** RE: Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Development Plan Examination

Dear Janet

Thank you for your email.

I confirm that I will update the website, as requested and add the necessary documents/along with this email.

With regard to the Bathnes Housing Allocation Scheme, please find a link to the latest document:  
<http://www.homesearchbathnes.org.uk/Data/Pub/PublicWebsite/ImageLibrary/Homesearch%20Allocation%20Scheme%202019.pdf>

I will also liaise with the Parish regarding the two matters of clarification to provide a response.

Kind regards

George

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**From:** checlanningltd@gmail.com [mailto:checlanningltd@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** 21 February 2020 08:56  
**To:** George Blanchard; Stanton Drew Chair; Stanton Drew Clerk  
**Subject:** Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Development Plan Examination  
**Importance:** High

I am writing to set out how I intend to undertake the examination of the Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Development Plan. My role is to determine whether the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements. I intend to ensure that the Parish Council feels part of the process. As such, I will copy the

Parish Council into all correspondence, apart from contractual matters that are dealt with direct with the local planning authority. Likewise, please can you ensure that any correspondence from you is copied to all parties at the top of this email. This will ensure fairness and transparency throughout the process.

George will be my main point of contact . Once I have read all the papers, I may ask for any missing documents or seek clarification on some matters. It may be appropriate for me to seek clarification on matters from the Parish Council. I must emphasise very strongly that this does not mean that I will accept new evidence. In the interest of fairness to other parties, I cannot accept new evidence other than in exceptional circumstances. If the Parish Council is unsure as to whether information it is submitting may constitute new evidence, may I suggest that you send it to George in the first instance for an opinion. If I do seek clarification, I will ask for my request and any responses to be published on the Bath and NE Somerset Council's web site.

It may be that there is very little correspondence from me during the examination. I will endeavour to keep you both up to date on the progress of the examination. The default is for an examination to be conducted without a hearing. If I feel one is necessary, I will inform you both as early as possible, but this is likely to be near the end the examination process. If I do intend to hold a hearing, I will inform you of the procedure at that time.

I will be visiting the Plan area during the examination. I will not need to be accompanied during my visit. I hope to visit sometime in the next two weeks. I would appreciate it if I am left to my own devices if spotted!

I confirm that I have received the submission documents from Bath and NE Somerset Council together with the Regulation 16 representations. I have given the Parish Council the opportunity to make comment on these Regulation 16 representations. it is not necessary to make comment. I will consider any comments if and when I receive them in due course and they should be placed on the Bath and NE Somerset Council's web site.

I enclose a recently published NPIERS Guidance to Service Users and Examiners, which may be of interest regarding the examination process.

Please can George arrange for the web site to be updated to announce that I have started the examination of the Plan and for all regulation 16 representations to be placed on the website and redacted if necessary (if this has not already been done) .

I will issue a draft report for fact checking by both parties. I will ask you both to check my report for factual errors such as dates, sequence of events, names and so on that might need to be corrected. The report will be confidential and must not be presented to a public meeting. I must emphasise that this is not an opportunity to make comments on the report other than those that relate to factual errors. In particular, I will not be inviting, and will not accept, comment on any suggested modifications. The draft report will only be published as the final version if there are no factual errors found and if there is no other reason, such as a sudden change in national policy, that could be significant to my recommendations. I will endeavour to issue my final report shortly after the fact checking stage.

I am seeking two matters of clarification.

1) what is the redline referred to in Policy EL4?

2) As the 2014 Heritage Assets Document has been updated in 2017, I assume that Policy EL6 should refer to the 2017 document not the original 2014 document. Please can this be clarified. If it is the 2017 document, please can the Parish Council provide any criteria for selection of the non-designated heritage assets that has already been made publically available. If none of the criteria for selection has been made publically available, please do not send any documents not already in the public domain.

I am seeking the following document:

Please can I have a link to the Bath and NE Somerset Council's Housing Allocation Scheme.

Please can this email be placed on the Bath and NE Somerset Council's web site. If there is future correspondence regarding matters of clarification, I will ask for those to be similarly made available.

Kind Regards

Janet Cheesley

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