

**Local Plan Examinations
Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire**

INSPECTOR NOTE 2

Appearances in relation to proposed modifications representations

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Paragraph 4.26 of the Planning Inspectorate's Procedural Guidance explains that the general expectation is that issues raised on the consultation of draft Main Modifications will be considered through the written representations process and further hearing sessions will only be scheduled exceptionally. The Inspectors note that almost 400 of the representations received to the Proposed Modifications December 2015 are accompanied by a request to appear at the examination.

With regard to representations made to the Proposed Modifications, the Inspectors will only provide an opportunity to appear in the following circumstances:

1. Where the representor is objecting to a policy or allocation or designation which is either wholly new or where the modification proposed is so significant that the representation could not have been made at publication stage; or
2. In cases where the Inspectors consider that it will be helpful to their consideration of the issues raised. This might be the case, for example, where complex technical arguments are being raised in support of objections to the Proposed Modifications.

The Inspectors will not be offering an opportunity to appear in relation to representations which should have been made at publication stage because they relate to policies, allocations or designations which are included in the submission draft Plans; and/or are tantamount to a repetition of representations made at submission stage.

Representors will be given an opportunity to submit written statements addressing the matters and issues to be determined by the Inspectors, where the matters and issues relate to a representation they have made to a relevant proposed modification, in accordance with the usual requirements. Information specifying the format of statements to be submitted can be found in the Hearings Programme and the Guidance Notes, both of which documents can be accessed from the Examinations webpages