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Dear Mr Green,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal by Westferry Developments Limited Site Address: Former Westferry Printworks Site, 235 Westferry Road, London, E14 3QS

Thank you for your letter requesting Rule 6 status for the above appeal.

The Independent Review of Planning Appeal Inquiries has been published and the Planning Inspectorate is now implementing some of the recommendations, where we can and in line with our Action Plan (hyperlinks below).

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-review-of-planning-appealinquiries-report

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/ attachment_data/file/801538/Published_Action_Plan - April_2019_update - FINAL.pdf

This appeal, whilst still being handled in line with the relevant inquiries procedure rules, will therefore be the subject of an accelerated approach with the aim that the decision will be published within 24 weeks of the receipt of a valid appeal.

You should now send me 3 copies of the statement of case you intend to put forward at the inquiry. This is required by the provisions of Rule 6(6) of the appropriate Inquiries Procedure Rules. You must do this within 2 weeks from today's date (i.e. by 25 June 2019).

A case conference for the appeal was held on 5 June 2019 and the summary note and directions is enclosed. Please can you note the deadlines and instructions therein.

In respect of the statement of common ground (SoCG), the Inspector suggests you review the overarching SoCG between London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) and the Appellant and then provide comments on the extent to which you agree or disagree with the content when you submit your statement of case.

In respect of the topic specific SoCG on housing mix, please can you consider whether you would be in a position to join a 3 way SoCG with LBTH and the Appellant or, alternatively, to agree a bilateral SoCG with the Appellant. Either way this should be by 10 July as set out in summary note.

In terms of witnesses and timings, it would be helpful to know if LBTH and yourselves are running a joint case on housing mix or whether you have distinct positions.

Using e-mail and the internet

You can now use the internet to send us documents and check the information and the progress of this case at https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate. You can look at this case by typing in the above reference number where it says 'Case Ref' on the 'Search' page and clicking on the search button.

Your statement of case should:

- contain full particulars of the case you propose to put forward at the inquiry;
- contain the arguments (planning and legal) that you intend to put forward at the inquiry;
- describe, but not necessarily contain, the evidence, and possibly cite the statutory provisions and case law, that you intend to call in support of your arguments;
- include a list of all the documents that you intend to rely on when presenting your case at the inquiry and refer to in your proofs of evidence.

You must send 3 copies of your statement to me, and I will send a copy to the appellant(s) and the local planning authority (LPA).

In accordance with Rule 13(1)(a) you should submit 3 copies of your proofs of evidence (and summary where appropriate) to me and a copy to each of the statutory parties <u>no later than 4 weeks before the inquiry opens</u>.

If you subsequently choose not to appear at the inquiry following service of your Rule 6(6) statement, you should be aware that no provision is given within the rules for you to submit a further statement or to add to any statement already submitted.

Using e-mail or post

If you send us your documents by e-mail, you only need to send us one copy of each. However, if you post your documents, please send us 3 copies of everything and put the full appeal reference number(s) on each copy.

Please let me know if you need me to send you copies of the appellant's and LPA's statements of case.

I will send a copy of this letter to the appellant and the LPA.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Humphrey Elizabeth Humphrey

Where applicable, you can use the internet to submit documents, to see information and to check the progress of cases through GOV.UK. The address of the search page is - https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning- inspectorate