

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE WARBURTON**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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Via email

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Dear Mr Beckmann and Ms Turner

Having now undertaken my site visit, a further procedural issues has arisen which I consider should be addressed prior to completion of my assessment of the Local Green Space proposed.

It concerns the specific area of potential Local Green Space referred to in the Regulation 16 (submitted) Warburton Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) as W12/2 Part of Coronor's Wood (W13/2 in the Regulation 14 version of the Plan). I understand Coroner's Wood is made up of two halves. Both halves (both east and west) were put forward at the Regulation 14 stage. At the Regulation 16 stage, it appears the Parish Council had intended to go forward with the eastern part of the site; but, by mistake, the submission version of the Plan appears to show the western part of the site (see also pages 7-9 of Trafford Council's letter of 30 June 2025 to the Examiner).

As a result of this error, I consider it is necessary to undertake a focussed consultation to ensure that the correct information is available to those with an interest in the Plan and may wish to comment. Therefore, I request that a short clarificatory note is produced and published on Trafford Council's website that explains the error; sets out the necessary correction; and provides an opportunity for all those who responded at the Regulation 16 consultation stage to submit any relevant comments.

It should be made clear that this is a very focused consultation on the intended identification of the eastern part of the site as Local Green Space, and that there is no need for responses to repeat representations that have already been made in relation to any other matters (since the Regulation 16 representations stand as submitted). Similarly, it is not an opportunity to raise new matters that do not relate to the revised area identified.

I suggest a period of 4 weeks should be provided for interested parties to provide comments to Trafford Council. The responses should be forwarded to me as soon as practicable after the focused consultation closes.

Should you have any questions in relation to this letter or any other related examination matters, please contact the IPe office team in the first instance.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure that a copy of this letter is placed on the Parish Council and Trafford Council websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

*Andrew Freeman*

Examiner