Dear Ms. Brooks,

**Examination of the Paignton Neighbourhood Development Plan.**

**Exploratory Meeting to be held at:**

**1.00pm on Thursday 10th of May 2018**

**Paignton Library, 22 Station Lane, Paignton TQ4 5AR**

As the independent examiner of the Paignton Neighbourhood Plan, having read the plan, supporting documents and representations, I consider that it would be helpful to my examination to hold an exploratory meeting as advised in the NPIERS Neighbourhood Planning Guidance. The meeting is to assist me in assessing whether the Plan meets the Basic Conditions in particular that it is in general conformity with the Development Plan and National Planning Policy objectives.

Please find below an initial list of topics (issues) which I wish to explore at the meeting. I also include a procedural note for the meeting which includes a list of those I wish to invite to participate. Copies should be sent to Paignton Neighbourhood Forum as the Qualifying Body, statutory consultees and to all who made representation on the plan in accordance with Regulation 16 and who asked to be notified. It should also be posted on the Council and Neighbourhood Plan web site. Any further material submitted in the course of examination, including any further written statements should be made publicly available on the same web site(s).

The main focus of the meeting will be to explore how the housing need of the area is to be met across the plan period, this will include a discussion relating to the following policies:

**Policy PNP1 Area Wide Policy**

**Policy PNP 13 Housing opportunities within the Town Centre**

**Policy PNP 19 Safeguarding open countryside**

**Policy PNP 20 Great Parks**

**Policy PNP 21 White Rock and nearby areas**

**Policy PNP 22 Western Corridor**

**Policy PNP 23 Yalberton to Blagdon Valley**

**Policy PNP24 Collaton St. Mary Village**

**Procedure at the exploratory meeting:**

The meeting is held in public but it is not a public meeting in the sense that anyone may speak. Only those invited to participate will be permitted to speak. The meeting will take the form of a structured exploration of the issues identified and based on an agenda which will be circulated in advance.

On the day, I will make a short introduction, including an explanation of the examination process and then proceed to the agenda items. Agenda items will be taken in turn and I will ask questions of the person I consider to be the most appropriate to commence discussion on the item to do so.

I do not expect written submissions in advance of the meeting. I would suggest that the invitees need to prepare notes for to help you remember the points you want to make in response for the discussion topics

A full note of the discussion will be taken on the day so that there is a record of participants’ views after the meeting.

The issues I have raised do not necessarily preclude a related point or question being made in respect of the topic under discussion, they are simply a framework to ensure that the issues that have occurred to me, whilst reading the Neighbourhood Plan, supporting documents and representations received are covered.

**INVITEES**

Representatives of Paignton Neighbourhood Plan Group

Representatives of Torbay Council

Kind regards

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