**TORBAY LOCAL PLAN**

**A landscape for success**

**The Plan for Torbay – 2012 to 2032 and beyond**

SUBMISSION PLAN

**EXAMINATION BRIEFING NOTE TC1 Formal public consultation on Torbay Masterplan SPDs**

Torbay Council – 11 November 2014

**BACKGROUND**

This Briefing Note provides an update for the Torbay Local Plan Examination on the progress and status of the four Consultation Draft Torbay Masterplans identified as Local Plan Submission Documents SD64, 65, 66 and 67.

Torbay Council commissioned the preparation of four Masterplans to assist the delivery of key elements of the existing Adopted Torbay Local Plan and the new emerging Local Plan for Torbay. These Masterplans have now been completed as consultation drafts and the Council intends that they should be brought into the planning system on a formal basis as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). The relevant documents are as follows:

SD64: Masterplan for Torquay Gateway, Edginswell, Torquay

SD65: Town Centre Masterplan for Torquay

SD66: Town Centre Masterplan for Paignton

SD67: Masterplan for Collaton St.Mary, West Paignton

Each document sets out detailed proposals for development in the context of broader strategic policies set out in the Adopted and emerging Local; Plans. The four Masterplans have been prepared by consultants in liaison with the Council and local communities, including Torbay’s Neighbourhood Planning Forums. These SPDs will provide both detailed guidance for the delivery of proposals in the two Local Plans and material to support the preparation of the three Neighbourhood Plans.

**CURRENT FORMAL CONSULTATION ON MASTERPLAN SPDs**

As part of this process, a Draft version of each of the four SPDs has now been published for consultation on a formal basis , in accordance with Regulation 12 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Views have been invited from all interested parties on the contents of each of the SPDs over a four week period between Monday 27 October and Monday 24 November 2014. Comments will be taken into account before the SPDs are finally Adopted by the Council.

Copies of the Masterplan SPDs (and related Statements of Consultation) have been made available for inspection on the Council’s website [www.torbay.gov.uk/masterplans](http://www.torbay.gov.uk/masterplans) and at the Spatial Planning Office at Electric House, Torquay, at Council Libraries and at Connections Offices during normal office hours. Documents can be downloaded from the above website free of charge. Paper copies are available for purchase from Spatial Planning on request.

A formal Notice was placed in the Torbay Herald Express on 23 October notifying the public of this process. A large number of stakeholders were subsequently contacted by the Council by email / letter on 27 October at the start of the consultation.

The Council is not intending to submit representations received during this consultation to the Examination unless requested by the Inspector since these SPDs function outside the Submitted Local Plan.