

**The Borough Council of Calderdale
(Waiting and loading and parking places) (Halifax)
(Consolidation) Order 2015 (Variation No.*) Order 20****

Pre-Inquiry note

The Inspector

1. I am Kevin Ward, an Inspector employed by the Planning Inspectorate. I have been appointed by the Borough Council of Calderdale (the Council) to hold this Inquiry into the above Order.

Date and venue of the Inquiry

2. The Inquiry will commence at **10.00 on Tuesday 5 March 2024** and will be held in the **Council Chamber in Halifax Town Hall, Crossley Street, Halifax HX1 1UJ**. The Inquiry is scheduled for one day.

Purpose of the Inquiry

3. The purpose of the Inquiry is to hear representations for and against the Order. In considering the Order I will wish to ascertain whether or not it is made for a qualifying purpose; and, whether any disadvantages which would arise as a result of the Order would be outweighed by the advantages which would be conferred by it.
4. Following the Inquiry, I will submit a report to the Council setting out a summary of the representations made at the Inquiry and in writing, together with my conclusions and recommendations. It will be for the Council to decide, in the light of my report, whether or not to pursue the making of the Order.

Inquiry procedure

5. I propose to broadly follow the Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1994 (to the extent applicable). In general terms this will involve the presentation of evidence/statements followed by questions in the form of cross-examination and re-examination.
6. At this stage, I envisage that the Inquiry will proceed as follows:
 - a) Inspector's opening announcements and preliminary matters;
 - b) Brief opening statement by the advocate for the Council (the promoter of the Order);
 - c) The Council's presentation of evidence in chief by its witness/witnesses, questions from objectors who wish to speak at the Inquiry, Inspector's questions and then re-examination by the Council's advocate;
 - d) Any supporters of the Order to make statements, questions from objectors who wish to speak at the Inquiry, Inspector's questions;
 - e) Objectors to make statements, questions from the Council's advocate, Inspector's questions;

- f) Closing statements by objectors, any supporters of the Order and finally the Council;
 - g) Arrangements for site visit; and
 - h) Close of the Inquiry.
7. I will be visiting the area and streets affected by the Order prior to the Inquiry. I will make another visit to the streets concerned following the close of the Inquiry. At this stage I am satisfied that I will be able to see all that I need to from the public domain and will not need to be accompanied by any of the parties. I will review this during the Inquiry and if necessary, make arrangements to be accompanied.

Inquiry notices

8. The Council shall issue notices of the arrangements for the Inquiry by **13 February 2024**.

Submission of statements and proofs of evidence

9. The Council should submit its Statement of Case to each objector and the Planning Inspectorate by **13 February 2024**. The Statement of Case should summarise the case which the Council intends to put forward at the Inquiry and include a list of any documents that it intends to refer to in evidence or at the Inquiry.
10. The Council should submit any proofs of evidence by **23 February 2024**. These should be succinct, focussing on the key issues. Any documents referred to in the proofs of evidence should be provided separately.
11. Any additional written material from objectors or supporters should also be submitted by **23 February 2024**.
12. Opening and closing statements from the Council should be provided in writing in addition to being presented orally.
13. All relevant documents should be added to the Council's website.

Speaking at the Inquiry

14. Those who wish to speak at the Inquiry should be there at the opening of the Inquiry at **10.00 on Tuesday 5 March 2024**. I will confirm who wishes to speak as part of my opening announcements. It would be helpful if those who intend to speak at the Inquiry informed the Planning Inspectorate in advance.
15. In considering the Order I will take account of all written objections/submissions as well as evidence heard at the Inquiry itself.
16. The Inquiry will be open to the public to observe.

Planning Inspectorate contact

17. The contact at the Planning Inspectorate for those wishing to submit further statements or to confirm attendance at the Inquiry is:

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