

## **Examination of Wingerworth Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Statement regarding Legal Opinion submitted on behalf of Rippon Homes**

The examiner (Terry Heselton) has requested that the following statement be sent to interested parties and published on the Councils website.

The purpose of this statement is to notify interested parties that North East Derbyshire District Council has received a legal opinion, submitted on behalf of Rippon Homes, who consider their interests have been prejudiced through inadequate consultation during the preparation of the Wingerworth Neighbourhood Plan.

As the legal opinion has been forwarded to me, in the interests of openness and fairness I have asked the Council to make the document available to interested parties for information only, and to publish it on their website.

For clarification, it is outside my remit to consider the merits of a potential legal challenge to the Plan and I am specifically not inviting comments on the document.

As part of the examination I will however independently consider the extent to which relevant statutory, regulatory and national planning policy requirements have been satisfied, taking into account the submitted Consultation Statement and other evidence, including comments submitted in response to the Regulation 16 Publicity.

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