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**Independent Examination  
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council  
Local Development Plan 2030: Draft Plan Strategy**

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Dear Sir/Madam

The independent examination is moving to the pre-hearing stage. The Commission will now organise the opening of the hearing sessions for the Independent Examination (IE) on a remote basis.

The programme of hearing sessions, associated guidance notes and a specific guidance document for how the remote hearing sessions for the IE will operate have been published in the [Mid & East Antrim Examination Library](#) on our website. The Commissioners will begin the public hearing sessions at 10.30am on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 for an initial two week period with sessions being conducted remotely. These sessions will be available for the public to stream live on YouTube. A link to the stream will be made available on the Planning Appeals Commission's website shortly before the beginning of the sessions.

During the examination process the Commission will regularly update our website and **use email as our primary means of contact**. Please regularly check the website to keep up to date with the latest developments.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address or telephone number above.

Yours faithfully



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