

**From:** Programme Officer  
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**To:** 'Richard Barton'  
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**Subject:** RE: Oldham Core Strategy & Development Management Policies DPD Public Examination  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr Barton, I have now managed to discuss the matter with the Planning Inspector and can comment on her behalf as follows:

(i) Representations on behalf of the owners of Ferney Field (John Blakeman) and Foxdenton Farm (Ann Shepherd) were submitted by David Alan Bennett as agent for those 2 parties. In other words, the Duly Made Representations were made by those 2 owners, via Mr Bennett.

(ii) At this point, just before the Examination Hearings, the agent HOW Planning (Richard Barton) has emerged - whose client is Seddon Grasscroft (Foxdenton) Ltd. Seddon Grasscroft (Foxdenton) Ltd is presumably the prospective developer. I do not think that this developer made Duly Made Representations on the Submission DPD.

(iii) David Alan Bennett confirms that Richard Barton will be attending the Hearing and speaking on his behalf - that is a change of agent, which is OK as far as it goes. Richard Barton confirms that his client (Seddon Grasscroft) *now has in place an agreement with both these parties (i.e. the owners who did make Duly Made Representations) to allow HOW to represent them and my client at the [Hearing].* However, HOW as agents could only be heard on the basis of the representations originally made by the 2 owners, and not on the basis of any new material that HOW might have wished to introduce on behalf of their own developer client Seddon Grasscroft, who has not been involved until recently.

(iv) It appears that Richard Barton of HOW understands the position, in that he confirms *We acknowledge that we are not in a position to submit new evidence.* He is correct on that point.

(v) Furthermore, the Examination does not hear Supporters of the DPD. The DPD is the Council's Plan and the Council has submitted it on the basis that it considers the Plan to be sound. Anyone opposed to the Plan has to demonstrate that the Plan is unsound.

(vi) However, since HOW has effectively secured the agreement of the site owners to represent them, I would be willing to hear what Mr Barton might have to say in clarification of any key points that might arise - but only if that should be necessary. In other words, HOW will not have the freedom to take part in the discussion at large on any matter, and will only be able to comment on Foxdenton on the very limited basis of 'clarification' as outlined above.

In view of the above can you please confirm as a matter of urgency whether you have an intention to attend the Examination Hearing and if so which sessions.

Regards

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