

For the attention of Mr Jameson Bridgwater

c/o Charlotte Glancy, Programme Officer

Dear Mr Bridgwater

Spelthorne Local Plan Examination

Following the recent Local Government Elections on 4 May, Spelthorne Borough Council has 22 new members. These new members have had no opportunity to review or receive any instruction as to the nature of the Local Plan.

We, the undersigned, as group leaders representing 27 of the 39 members of the council request that you give consideration to pausing the Examination Hearings for four months (allowing for the summer recess) for councillors to be brought up to speed with the policies and provisions of the Local Plan.

We appreciate that the first Hearing is next week and that a lot of work has already gone into preparing for this on all sides. The plan that will hopefully emerge out of the Examination process has to be owned by the Council. We believe a short pause now will give the new Council, especially our new councillors, the opportunity to understand fully what this means for the communities they represent.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Malcolm Beecher, Leader the Green Group

Cllr Jon Button, Leader the Labour Group

Cllr Lawrence Nichols, Leader the Liberal Democrat Group

Cllr Jo Sexton, Leader Spelthorne Independent Group

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