Bolton By Bowland and Gisburn Forest Neighbourhood Plan submission consultation.

Notes to help you make your representations.

The submission documents can be viewed on the Councils web site at <u>www.ribblevalley.gov.uk</u> and are available for inspection at the Council Offices, Church Walk Clitheroe and Clitheroe Library during their normal opening hours. Copies of documents can be made available at a charge. Please ask us for further information.

The Borough Council is responsible for publishing the submission plan and operates the 6 week period of statutory consultation. The council will collate the duly made responses submitted in the consultation period and pass them to the Examiner appointed to examine the Neighbourhood Plan.

To be "duly made" a representation must be made within the published timeframe of the consultation and must be received by the Council's published deadline. Representations can be comments objecting to or supporting the Neighbourhood Plan. All representations will be made available for public inspection. Personal details will be removed.

Representations should make reference to the section and paragraph number(s) of the Neighbourhood Plan to which it refers. It would be helpful if your representation includes how you would like to see the plan amended to satisfy any concerns.

Representations must be submitted to and received by Ribble Valley Borough Council no later than **5pm Wednesday 4th January 2017**. You can submit representations by

e-mail to: neighbourhood.plan@ribblevalley.gov.uk

or in writing to: Neighbourhood Plan Team, Ribble Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Church Walk, CLITHEROE. BB7 2RA.

The Borough Council will publish further information on the Examination and its process in due course, once the Examiner is appointed. In most cases the Examiner will undertake the Examination by way of written representations. In some cases where the Examiner judges it to be appropriate a public hearing may be arranged. The Examiner will usually only consider representations submitted in response to the 6 week consultation period.

The main purpose of the Examination is to confirm that the plan has regard to national planning policies and is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan also has to meet European obligations. The Examination will also consider whether the Plan is compatible with any adjoining Neighbourhood Plans and that it contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. If you wish to be notified of the

outcome of the Examination you must include a request to be notified in your representation when you submit them.

For further information on Neighbourhood plans visit our web site <u>www.ribblevalley.gov.uk</u> and use the search facility for Neighbourhood Plans. If you want to like to speak to an officer about Neighbourhood plans please contact us on 01200 425111 and ask for the Neighbourhood Plan Team.