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**London Borough of Richmond
Legal Challenges to Adoption of
Local Plan**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been appointed as an Independent Programme Officer for the examination of two legal challenges brought against the adoption of the London Borough of Richmond's Local Plan.

There have been two applications to the High Court for a statutory review (under s.113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) in respect of the adoption of the Local Plan.

One is in relation to the proposed Other Open Land of Townscape Importance (OOLTI) boundary at St Michael's Convent (part of site allocation SA17), which was brought by the owner of the site, Beechcroft Developments Limited.

The other is in relation to the proposed Local Green Space (LGS) designation at Udney Park Playing Fields, brought by Mark Jopling (a member of the Friends of Udney Park Playing Fields).

The Secretary of State appointed Inspector Paul Griffiths BSc (Hons) BArch IHBC from the Planning Inspectorate to examine both matters. My role is to manage the administrative and procedural matters of the examination process. I support the Planning Inspector, and act as a liaison between the Council, the Inspector, and those respondents who submitted comments to these further consultations. I am independent of the Council.

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The Inspector published an update on 12 September 2019 to state that he has now completed his review of the many representations received by the Council, and is content that he can deal with the matters at issue without the need for hearings. On that basis he will shortly be proceeding with his report, with a view to issuing it to the Council for fact checking in early to mid-November 2019.

Please let me know if you have any questions, if there are any further updates I will be in touch in due course. If you have any update to your contact details (preferably an email address) please notify me. It is anticipated that the next formal notification may be after the fact checking process, when the final version of the Inspector's Report is published by the Council.

All updated information can be found here on the [Examination Webpage](#) (scroll down to Legal Challenges Heading)
www.richmond.gov.uk/services/planning/planning_policy/local_plan/local_plan_review/local_plan_examination#legal

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Glancy', with a long, sweeping underline.

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