

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INQUIRY
THE SANDS (CL29)
COMMONS ACT 2006 – SECTION 16
APPLICATION TO DEREGISTER AND EXCHANGE COMMON LAND
APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER COM/3236108

This replaces the notice published on 10 December 2020

An Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs will hold an Inquiry opening on Tuesday 27 April 2021 into an application by Durham County Council under section 16 of the Commons Act 2006 to deregister certain common land containing about 1,675 square metres of land at the Coach park, The Sands, Durham City and the giving in exchange of about 18,371 square metres of land at land east of Rivergreen Centre, Aykley Heads, Durham City.

The Inquiry will be held as a virtual event run by an Inspector in the normal way, but with the parties invited to join via Microsoft Teams or telephone.

A copy of the application documents can be requested by writing to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL for a hard copy or by email to commons.registration@durham.gov.uk for an electronic copy.

Copies of the public representations sent to the Planning Inspectorate in response to the published application notice, and the applicant's replies, can be requested by contacting the case officer at the address below.

Anyone wishing to attend the inquiry, and/or at the Inspector's discretion give their views, must make that interest known to the Planning Inspectorate Case Officer as soon as possible prior to the Inquiry either by email or telephone after reading the Inquiry Attendance Information set out below.

Inquiry Attendance Information

To help the technology and logistics run smoothly, this event will be run with those parties who register an interest to speak, in particular the parties who wish to take an active part in the proceedings and/or who have previously made objections or representations about the application.

Before deciding whether to take part in the Inquiry, you need to think carefully about the points you wish to make. All written submissions will be taken into account by the Inspector and re-stating the same points will not add any additional weight to them.

If you feel that taking part in the Inquiry is right for you, you can participate in a number of ways:

To take part using video, participants will need to have access to Microsoft Teams (via an app or web browser). This link gives further information on how to use this. <https://support.office.com/en-us/teams>.

Alternatively, you can take part by telephone.

If you wish to take an active part in the proceedings, please make clear in your response whether you wish only to appear at the Inquiry and make a statement, or whether you would also wish to ask questions of those who are presenting an alternative view.

If you want to take an active part but feel unable to for any reason, and/or the points you want to make are not covered in the evidence of others, consider whether someone else could raise them on your behalf.

Registered participants will receive individual joining instructions, providing details of any requirements, guidance and support, whether joining by Teams or telephone.

To register an interest to speak contact Rob Davis, DEFRA Casework Team, Room 3/A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Telephone: 0303 444 5625. Email: rob.davis@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.