

**'As discussed, the developer has to advertise the application in local press (two successive weeks), the London Gazette (two successive weeks) and in a national newspaper (1 week). They also have to put up notices in the vicinity of the proposed development advising where people can view copies of the application (typically at the local council planning offices, local libraries and the developer's local officer if they have one) and also how to go about purchasing a copy of the application. Developers are entitled to charge only for the actual cost of production of copies of the application, although for paper copies this can often run to several hundred pounds due to the printing costs involved with widescreen photographic images. Obtaining a CD ROM copy (usually between £10 & £20) is generally a more cost effective option if you wish to have your own copy.**

**The notice will also tell you the date by which objections to the proposal have to be received (at least 28 days from the last time that the notice is advertised in the press). You can send your objection directly to me, either by email or by post at the address below.**

**While the Secretary of State will consider equally any objections received outside of the 28 day period, responding within this time frame means that you will have an automatic right to appear at a public inquiry, should one be held. As you correctly said, a public inquiry is automatically held if the relevant planning authority objects to a proposal. In addition, the Secretary of State has the discretionary right to hold a public inquiry in light of the comments and information received on an application.'**