

**The Planning and Environmental  
Bar Association**

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**RE BARKER INTERIM REPORT**

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PEBA submitted a Consultation Response to the Barker Report (by e-mail of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2006 from Robin Purchas QC to Carmel Howard).

PEBA has been able to review the interim report and would like to express general support for the interim conclusions; we await with interest the final outcome.

In advance of that final report, however, we would seek to underline the importance of all of our comments contained in the submission of March. We believe, as the Specialist Bar Association for this area of work, that PEBA is particularly well placed to comment on the operation of the planning process in practice from all perspectives – those of the landowner, developer, funding body, local planning authority and members of the public.

We note the list of bodies with which meetings were arranged at Annex A and would record as a matter of regret the fact that it has not been possible to meet to discuss our own submission.

We would ask you to note that PEBA remains very glad to meet (alone or with the Law Society) to discuss these important matters prior to the production of the final report.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

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