

RT HON MARIA MILLER MP CALL FOR EVIDENCE – INQUIRY INTO EXPERIENCES OF BLACK, ASIAN AND MINORITY ETHNIC (BAME) MEMBERS OF BASINGSTOKE COMMUNITY

The Inquiry: Maria Miller MP has launched a local inquiry into the lived experiences of members of the Basingstoke community who are from a Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) background.

The Inquiry seeks to gather voices of a diverse cross section of individuals from BAME background who live in the Basingstoke constituency.

The Inquiry will consider the themes that are raised through this evidence and will review the evidence with relevant public and private sector organisations for them to identify a plan to address the issues raised.

Maria is calling for written submissions about: Your experience of living in Basingstoke as a BAME member of local community

Review: A six- and twelve-month review will be done to establish progress on addressing themes identified.

This inquiry is open to residents who have a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background living in Basingstoke. This locally based inquiry is not seeking evidence from National organisations /individuals who are campaigning for change living outside of Basingstoke

Maria would like to hear from you by **31 July 2020**.

GUIDANCE

Your submission should:

- be a single Word document
- be concise - if over 3,000 words, include a short summary as well
- include any factual information you may have from which you draw your conclusions
- Maria wants everyone's voice to be heard, if it is difficult for you to submit a document in English please call the office on 2027 219 5749 to discuss how you might be able to forward your experiences
- include an introduction to you, your reason for submitting evidence and include full address
- All submissions should be from residents who have a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background living in Basingstoke. This locally based inquiry is not seeking evidence from National organisations /individuals who are campaigning for change living outside of Basingstoke
- Your evidence will be included in the final report in an anonymised form. Please ensure you do not include personal information that would make your submission identifiable.
- The final report will be published on the internet where it will be searchable by search engines
- If you do not wish your evidence to be published you must clearly say so and explain your reasons for not wishing disclosure
- There is no obligation to accept your submission as evidence if it contains inappropriate material or is very long.
- You should be careful not to reference matters currently before a court of law, or matters in respect of which court proceedings are imminent
- This Inquiry is to gather the voices of local residents and will not investigate individual cases of complaint or allegations of maladministration.
- Maria Miller will hold a number of oral evidence sessions, particularly with local representative groups but is not able to hear all submissions orally in the interests of time.
- A summary of oral evidence sessions will be included in the final report

Deadline is 31 July 2020 and submissions should be sent to

maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk

Maria Miller is asking for written submissions that address some or all of the following questions (*required):

1. ABOUT YOU

(to validate that you are a local resident, all submissions will be anonymised before use)

*What is your name?

*How old are you?

*Where do you live?

*How would you describe your ethnicity?

If you were not born in Basingstoke where did you move from?

2. YOUR EXPERIENCE OF LIVING IN BASINGSTOKE

What do you enjoy about living in Basingstoke?

What is the best thing about living in Basingstoke?

Have you ever experienced different treatment because of your ethnicity?

What happened? Please list the different treatment you have experienced.

What did you do in response?

Have you experienced personal abuse because of your Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background?

How did that make you feel?

What did you do in response?

What more could be done to ensure Basingstoke residents are treated the same regardless of their ethnicity?