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Mr Jonathan Bore, MRTPI  
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Dear Mr Bore,

I refer to your letter of 20 February 2017, which is being read carefully by the Council.

The Council does not intend to make further submissions about the contents of your letter at the hearing on 3 March 2017. However, it would be wrong not to register the profound disquiet that the Council feels over the contents of your 20 February 2017 letter. The Council reserves its position on the matters contained in the letter at the present time.

However, to help the Council with its understanding of your letter, and its consideration of alternative courses of action open to it, I would be very grateful if you would confirm three points:

- (1) If the Council undertakes further work to assess the availability and suitability of sites and areas of land, would you be prepared in principle to finalise your view on the overall housing requirement in the light of that further evidence?
- (2) Would you be prepared to consider the question of the appropriate OAN when reaching your final conclusions on soundness, including if there are relevant new material considerations which have emerged since the hearing sessions on that matter?
- (3) Would you consider the question of the methodology for calculating the 5 year housing land supply, and an appropriate trajectory, as part of your final conclusions on soundness?

The Council would ideally like to consider your responses to these questions before the 3<sup>rd</sup> March session and I look forward to hearing from you in that regard. I will see that a copy of this letter is put on the Examination website.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Tunnell  
Interim Head of Economic Promotion and Planning

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