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By Email

Dear Inspector,

Site Allocations Development Plan Document - Submission Documents

The Council is satisfied that the Site Allocations DPD has been prepared in a robust manner, following the requirements of the NPPF, Planning Practice Guidance, best practice and subject to consultation and engagement in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and requirements under the Duty to Co-Operate. It therefore submits the Sites DPD for examination with confidence it meets the Test of Soundness and legal requirements.

We would like to draw your attention to **TP3 – Introduction to Site Allocations Document** which provides an overview of the background to the Plan and the plan making process which should provide a useful introduction to the Plan.

In accordance with the service level agreement I confirm that we have provided, via wetransfer:

- Site Allocations Development Plan Document;
- Submission policies map;
- Regulation 22(c) consultation statement;
- Final Sustainability Appraisal Report;
- Habitats Regulation Assessment;
- Representations received under Regulation 20 (in respondent order);
- Representations received under Regulation 20 (in policy order);
- A summary of the main issues made pursuant to Regulation 20;
- Suggested modifications to Site Allocations Development Plan Document
- Supporting documents relevant to the preparation of the Plan.

A list comprising the document library is provided. Paper copies of the documents can be made available to the Inspector if requested.

In addition:

- it is estimated that there would be 6 hearing days;
- the appointed Programme Officer is:

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We assume that you will liaise with us and the Programme Officer to agree dates for the examination to take account of availability of rooms and key staff. We understand that at the current time hearing are taking place virtually but that there maybe move towards a mixture of in person and virtual sessions. We normally hold such events in the Council chamber, however it is currently being refurbished and is unlikely to be available until March 2021. Therefore, we would request early notification if the hearing sessions are to be held in person to enable alternate accommodation to be organised if required.

The Council considers the Site Allocations Development Plan, its supporting evidence base and the process under which it has been prepared to be legally compliant and sound. However, the Council takes this opportunity to formally request that the Inspector recommend any such modifications considered necessary to make the Site Allocations Development Plan sound under Section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), including consideration of, and amendment to, the proposed modifications put forward by the Council as part of its submission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SA Blomfield". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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Divisional Leader Planning and Economy