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Mr Bristow
Planning Inspector
c/o Programme Officer

Sent via email

Date : 20 December 2019

Dear Mr Bristow

Thank you for your Progress Note which was received today.

The Council is pleased to see that the Local Plan will be able to progress and it agrees to undertake the additional work as outlined in the Progress Note (INSP12). I set out below how the Borough Council proposes to deal with each piece of work as requested in your Progress Note:

- (i) *Additional Sustainability Appraisal work to assess the relative effects of providing for 5,808, 7,963 and 9,598 homes in the Borough.*

Council's Response:

Discussions are underway with our Consultants as to the timescales for this work to be undertaken. The date will be sent as soon as this has been confirmed.

- (ii) *Subject to the outcome of the SA work, policy LP6 should be modified to establish a single figure, i.e. 9,598, as a minimum housing requirement.*

Council's Response:

This will be progressed once item (i) has been undertaken.

- (iii) *In that context the Council are asked to propose, if necessary, a stepped or phased housing requirement figures. Alongside the updated SSA, that should be available before hearings on site allocations in order to provide a suitable basis for determining the appropriateness of supply.*

Council's Response:

Once item (ii) has been completed a proposed stepped trajectory will be prepared.

- (iv) *Before hearings on strategic matter 6 'planning and environmental constraints' [INSP5], the Council should seek to address, and to produce notes setting out the extent of agreement and remaining dispute between them and the Environment Agency and Historic England (and potential remedies for the latter).*

Council's Response:

In relation to the EA representations the Council has employed AECOM to address the EA's concerns and prepare a report. Information has now been received from the Environment Agency and progress is being made on the final report. A firm timescale for the report will be provided w/c 7th January. This will determine when a note can be completed but it is the Council's intention that this is mid to late January 2019.

In relation to Historic England's representations a report by LUC is just being finalised. Historic England has been involved in the progression of the work and is happy with the report. A draft SoCG with a set of suggested Main Modifications is being prepared to reflect the report. It is the Council's intention that this is completed and forwarded on to the Inspector by mid-January 2019.

(v) *The Council should also provide a note setting out the latest evidence in respect of traveller needs relative to supply before hearings conclude.*

Council's Response:

A note is being prepared and this will be forwarded to the Inspector during the w/c 7th January 2019.

In addition, paragraph 10 of INSP12 refers to the updating of CD6/3B. This is well underway and it is expected that this will be completed by 10 January 2019.

I will be back in touch early in the New Year with a detailed timetable for the above work.

Yours sincerely

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