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North West Leicestershire Local Plan Examination
C/O Carmel Edwards
Programme Officer

Dear Mr Sims

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN – RESPONSE TO PRELIMINARY NOTE

I refer to your note (Examination reference number IN/01) received on 19 October 2016.

Regulation 22 Statement

Please find attached a statement of main issues arising from the representations made under Reg 20 and the Council's response to them. By its nature it is a summary and it does not cover all those issues raised. However, you have previously been provided with a spreadsheet which provides a more comprehensive summary of all the issues raised and the Council's response.

Other documents

A further copy of docs EC/06, ENV/18 and ENV/19 have been forwarded to the Programme officer.

It is agreed that the Joint Statement submitted with the submission letter should be included as an examination document. This was prepared by the Leicester and Leicestershire Memorandum of Understanding Steering Group, and endorsed by the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Planning Group at its meeting on 27 October 2016 and is due to be considered by the Member Advisory Group of the Leicester and Leicestershire authorities at its meeting on 8 November 2016. I will ask the Programme Officer to make the necessary arrangements for this to be added to the list.

Please find attached a copy of the advice we received from Keith Holland, together with the brief he was provided with. I have also attached a copy of the letters between the leader of the Council and the then Planning Minister, Brandon Lewis. Again I will ask the Programme Officer to make the necessary arrangements for these to be added to the list.

In terms of the advice from Counsel, we are currently considering your request and will advise you as soon as this has been determined.

Database of representations

I understand that the Programme Officer has now provided you with the information you requested.

Programme and Procedure

Your comment about the possibility of needing a separate session in respect of affordable housing is noted and we await your confirmation regarding the programme for the examination in due course.

Your comments about "omission sites" and how they will be treated are noted and thank you for the clarification provided.

Finally, on the issue of Main Modifications I can advise that this is something which the Council would wish you to recommend if you conclude that such modifications are required to make the plan 'sound'.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. K. Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ian Nelson
Planning Policy Team Manager