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Dear Miss Graham and Mr Wood

### **South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Examination**

Further to my letter of 23 September 2016 (RD/GEN/340), there are two updates concerning the strategic sites at Cambourne West (Policy SS/8) and Bourn Airfield New Village (Policy SS/6).

#### Cambourne West Policy SS/8

The Council's Planning Committee on 11 January 2017 gave officers delegated powers to approve an outline planning application (S/2903/14) for up to 2,350 dwellings, retail, offices/light industry, community and leisure facilities, two primary schools, and a secondary school, subject to the completion of a Section 106 agreement.

The planning application covers a larger site than proposed for allocation, as included in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (submitted in March 2014) through Policy SS/8. It relates to the omission site proposed in representation 60599. The planning application covers land west of the Cambourne Business Park, but does not include land within the Cambourne Business Park that is part of the proposed allocation.

The officer report and the printed decisions can be viewed here:

<http://scamb.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=768&MId=6762&Ver=4>

#### Bourn Airfield New Village Policy SS/6

A Local Plan Update report was considered by the Planning Policy Portfolio Holder on 8 November 2016 (RD/CR/660) and subsequently by Council on 17 November 2016 (RD/CR/670). As a result, the Council recommended a number of Proposed Modifications to the South Cambridgeshire Submission Local Plan, identified in *Schedule of Further Proposed Modifications to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan November 2016 (RD/FM/010)*.

In the *Schedule of Further Proposed Modifications to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan November 2016 (RD/FM/010)* we advised that:

“A further report will be considered by the Planning Portfolio Holder at the meeting on 13 December 2016 to consider additional wording relating to boundary treatment south of the existing employment area (Policy SS/6 paragraph 7b)”. [see page 4]

The intention of the proposed wording is to ensure provision of a suitable strategic landscaping buffer between the new village and Caldecote / Highfields on its eastern boundary.

Working with the Planning Portfolio Holder further consideration has been given to the wording of section 7b of the policy in accordance with the decision of Council, to make clear that the intention of the policy is to provide a suitable buffer between the new village and Caldecote / Highfields by ensuring that a substantial woodland belt runs along the full length of the boundary. The updated, revised and final wording of section 7b reads as follows:

**“Provide sStrategic landscaping within and beyond the Major Development Area Site to deliver a high quality landscaped setting around the boundary of the settlement to avoid it appearing as part of a ribbon of urban development south of the A428, to maintain the rural nature of the Broadway and ensure separation from Cambourne, and to ensure countryside separation from Caldecote / Highfields and Bourn. The strategic landscaping along the eastern boundary of the Strategic Site south of the existing employment area will include a substantial and continuous woodland belt along the full length of the boundary to provide a suitable buffer to Caldecote / Highfields, including land within the Major Development Site”.**

Yours sincerely

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