

LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATIONS CAMBRIDGE CITY and SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

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Dear Caroline and Sara

Cambridge City Local Plan Examination and South Cambridgeshire District Local Plan Examination

As you know, the Inspectors and I are trying to compile the Programmes for the rest of the Examinations. The Inspectors are aware of a number of areas of work that you are currently undertaking, including work related to: the City Deal; student housing; gypsy and traveller accommodation needs; the provisional modification by SCDC to allocate land south of the Cambridgeshire Biomedical Campus; the transport modelling issue; and work in relation to accessibility standards and residential space standards.

In order to programme matters for the examination in a sensible order which will avoid the need to reopen the hearings at a later stage, we need to have a clearer idea of when these various pieces of work will be finished. It will then be necessary to allow time for the Inspectors to consider whether the relevant matters and issues should be amended, and also to allow time for representors to consider the outcome of the work before their statements are submitted. These factors will self-evidently have an impact on the programme for the hearings.

At the hearings in July, the City Council undertook to provide an update for the Inspectors in relation to further work being undertaken, and I have requested this information from both Councils. The Inspectors have now asked me to make this formal request. Whilst they realise that it may be difficult for you to provide precise dates, the Inspectors are asking you provide as much information as possible about the likely timescales for finishing these various pieces of work. Unless you are able to provide significantly more detail than has hitherto been provided by the end of this month (I am meeting with Ms Graham on 30th September), we will be unable to make further progress with compiling the Programmes for the Examinations and this is likely to lead to a significant hiatus in the early months of 2017.

I look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards

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