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To: Tom James, Planning Policy, Daventry District Council

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Dear Mr James

**EXAMINATION INTO THE SOUNDNESS OF THE SETTLEMENTS AND COUNTRYSIDE LOCAL PLAN (PART 2) FOR DAVENTRY DISTRICT 2011 - 2029**

The Inspector appointed to examine the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) for Daventry District 2011 - 2029 has been undertaking his initial preparation and expresses regret in the delay in contacting you with these initial queries. Please accept his apologies for the delay.

The Inspector seeks some preliminary clarification from the Council about the evidence submitted as set out below. He has also indicated that further issues may be raised when proceeding to examine the evidence documents in greater detail. The initial queries and requests from the Inspector are as follows:

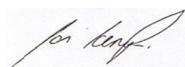
- 1) The submission documents include what the Council identifies as a proposed schedule of minor modifications to the Local Plan (Part 2). Can the Council confirm that these have not been subject to any consultation to date? If that is the case, the Examination will be based upon the Submission version of the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) for Daventry District 2011-2029, with due regard given to the Council's proposed schedule as a supporting document.
- 2) With regard to the above, further clarification from the Council is welcomed in terms of the reasons that proposed changes to individual policies are identified as minor modifications rather than main modifications. It would also be helpful for ease of reference if the Council could make available a 'track changed' version of the submitted Plan which reflects the suggestions within its proposed schedule of minor modifications to the Local Plan (Part 2) document (PSD12).
- 3) It would also be helpful if all of the documents forming the Local Plan (Part 2) submission, supporting documents, evidence base and background documents could be given individual document numbers and that this is reflected on the Council's Local Plan (Part 2) Examination section of the website. It is noted that some of the evidence base and background documents referred to in the submitted Plan and in supporting documents do not appear to be on that part of the website. Can the Council look into this please and rectify any omissions?
- 4) The presence of submitted document PSD11 and the representor index is noted. However, for ease of reference to the representations, can you please provide two spreadsheets of the responses, one in policy order and the other in

representor number order. The list of representors should clearly indicate those that have expressed a wish to be heard at the hearings.

- 5) Can you also please provide a file containing hard copies of the Regulation 19 stage responses from all of the duty to co-operate bodies and adjoining authorities. In due course, as part of the preparation of hearing statements, it would be helpful if Statements of Common Ground could be prepared with these bodies if the Council has not done so already.
- 6) The presence of site profiles in the submitted document HELAA is noted. However, to assist me further I would be grateful if the Council could please provide me with individual fact sheets for each of the proposed site allocations. The fact sheets should include the following information:
  - a) Site name and reference numbers as used in any supporting evidence.
  - b) Site area (and potential number of dwellings for housing sites).
  - c) Current land use.
  - d) Any designations within or close to the site, e.g. landscape, biodiversity, heritage.
  - e) Agricultural land classification (if relevant).
  - f) Any particular infrastructure requirements / issues.
  - g) Estimated timescale and rate of delivery for housing completions.
  - h) Summary of issues raised in representations.
  - i) Site plan on A4 showing the site and surrounding area
- 7) With regard to the above, it would also be helpful if individual fact sheets could be prepared and provided for each of the omission sites, i.e. those put forward in representations at proposed submission stage. The fact sheets should also include the information listed at 6 a) to f) and i).
- 8) It is noted that the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule set out in Appendix H of the submitted Plan is intended to be a live document that is kept up-to-date. In the interest of certainty, please could the Council confirm whether any updates have been made since the version in the submitted Plan and if so, please provide a copy to me and ensure that the document is available on the Local Plan (Part 2) Examination section of the website

The Inspector would welcome a response to this letter by **25th February**, via the Programme Officer, setting out responses to these queries wherever possible. Where further time is required to prepare responses, please set out a timescale for submission of the information. The Inspector has stressed however that it is extremely important that he receives the information requested in question 4 above as soon as possible, in order to be in a position to identify the issues and the representors who would wish to be heard. Once the requested information has been received, the Inspector has indicated that he will be in a better position to be able to confirm the likely hearing dates.

Yours sincerely



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