Examination of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 – 2031

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Dear Mr. Smith,

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During the examination hearings which closed earlier this year, I asked the Council to undertake some further work in relation to numerous matters. In addition, in the light of the debate, the Council put forward many main modifications to remedy soundness issues. I have now read the 'homework' and the draft schedule of main modifications produced by the Council. Please find enclosed a note setting out my observations and comments on these documents.

You will see from my note that I have raised a few queries. Once these are answered satisfactorily, once the changes I have outlined to the draft main modifications have been made, and once the sustainability appraisal of the modifications has been finalised, then the public consultation on the draft main modifications should commence at the earliest opportunity. For the avoidance of any doubt, the focus of the consultation is on the main modifications, but people will also be able to comment on the 'homework' and other documents produced by the Council. Please liaise with me, via Mrs St John Howe, about the precise timing and logistics of the consultation.

I ask that you now ensure that this letter and note are placed on the examination web page. A copy of the Council's 'homework' documents, the draft schedule of main modifications and updated Sustainability Appraisal should be posted on the website by 20 November.

I trust that this clarifies the present position and next steps. However, if you do have any questions then please do not hesitate to ask, as always via Mrs St John Howe.

Yours sincerely

Simon Berkeley

Inspector