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Inspector Louise Nurser BA(Hons) Dip UP MRTPI

Sent by email, via the Programme Officer

Dear Inspector Nurser

RE: East Cambridgeshire Local Plan – Additional work

Thank you for your letter of 17 August 2018 (reference ED037). I apologise for the delay in responding, your letter being sent on the first day of my summer leave, and today being my first day back.

You sought clarification as to 'when the additional work which you have agreed to undertake is to be expected'. I respond as follows:

Additional work arising during Stage 1 hearing sessions.

During the Stage 1 hearing sitting days, a number of tasks were set. Each of those tasks have been completed, and can be found in the examination library. These are documents ED020-ED027, ED029-ED030, and ED036. The website library confirms the date they were added to the website.

Further additional work, arising from the 'Initial Findings' (ED031)

Whilst much of the Initial Findings did not require additional work to be undertaken (other than, in some aspects, the consequential need for modifications to be drafted), some elements of the Initial Findings did seek further additional work. An update on each of these is set out below:

Sustainability Appraisal (SA)

Your Initial Findings asked for two matters: that committed sites be subject to Sustainability Appraisal; and that 'further clarification as to how the historic evidence has been used to inform their [sites at Kennett and Swaffham Prior] sustainability appraisal'.

In response to this request, the Council has prepared an Addendum Report to the Sustainability Appraisal main report, and that Report is attached to this letter. Subject to your approval, we request it be added to the website.

Objectively Assessed Needs – Caravans

Your Initial Findings asked the Council to set out further details on this matter, which the Council (in ED032) agreed to do. Subsequently, it is noted that you have asked two questions on this issue in your stage 2 MIQs (Q53-54, Matter 11). The Council will therefore provide a statement accordingly by 4th September. On the basis that no representor has made any representations on this matter (and therefore presumably no representor will, or should, make any statements on questions 53-54), nobody is prejudiced by the Council not providing that evidence earlier than 4th September.

Evidence - Transport

Your Initial Findings expressed '*reservations*' on a specific element of the transport evidence, namely the cross boundary impacts of the proposed developments on West Suffolk and '*in particular*' Newmarket.

The Council has been working on additional evidence on this matter (as it said it would in ED032), and we expect to publish that evidence by the end of this week. However, it is worth pointing out in this letter that such evidence is not new evidence; rather, it is the pulling together of existing material already (or at least primarily) in the public domain, but which has not been submitted to you previously. No new primary evidence has been undertaken. As such, for representors, there will be no '*surprises*' in what is published, but it should, when taken as a whole, address the concerns you set out in your Initial Findings.

I believe this letter covers the '*additional work*' which you refer to in your letter, and I trust it helps clarify the Council's latest position.

Finally, it would be helpful to the Council, and potentially other parties, as to what is meant by your last paragraph in your letter, which states that you will '*require any further comments, which should solely relate to the additional evidence, to be with the Programme Officer by the 14th of September 2018*'. From the Council's point of view, we will not be providing any further comments other than what we will state in our Statements due by 4th September. Am I correct, therefore, in thinking that the 14th September deadline you set out in your letter to me was more aimed at other representors i.e. that such representors are able to comment on the additional evidence by 14th September? If I have misinterpreted this, please clarify accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Richard Kay
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