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Dear Sue Romero, Chairman

Re: Swaffham Bulbeck Neighbourhood Plan Submission

I am writing to confirm receipt of the *Swaffham Bulbeck Neighbourhood Plan Submission Draft Plan (June 2022)* and to confirm that the plan meets the statutory requirements and will proceed to examination.

Statutory requirements

Where the submitted Neighbourhood Plan meets the statutory requirements set out in paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Council will publicise the Plan for a minimum of 6 weeks; invite representations; notify any consultation body referred to in the consultation statement; and send the draft Neighbourhood Plan to independent examination. For reference, the statutory requirements are available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/10/enacted>.

Authorisation to prepare plan

The plan was submitted by Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council and applies to the designated Swaffham Bulbeck Neighbourhood Area. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is coterminous with the Swaffham Bulbeck Parish boundary, and does not include land within any other parish. As a parish council, Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council is authorised to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the designated Swaffham Bulbeck Neighbourhood Area¹.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents

The submitted Neighbourhood Plan contains policies and proposals which apply to the designated Swaffham Bulbeck Neighbourhood Area. The submitted Plan is accompanied by a Basic Conditions Statement, Consultation Statement, map of the Neighbourhood Area, a SEA Determination Statement and accompanying Environmental Report, together with other supporting evidence documents.

The suite of documents appears complete and consistent with the requirements of national planning policy, guidance and legislation².

¹ Paras. 6(a) & (b) of Sch. 4B.

² Paras. 6(c) & (d) of Sch. 4B

Planning permission and excluded development

The submitted Neighbourhood Plan sets out proposed planning policies which apply to the Swaffham Bulbeck Neighbourhood Area only. The submitted Neighbourhood Plan does not directly grant planning permission. If the plan is made, development proposals will continue to be subject to the planning application process.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not provide for the granting of planning permission for any development that is excluded development³.

Conclusion

In conclusion, East Cambridgeshire District Council is satisfied that the submitted Swaffham Bulbeck Neighbourhood Plan complies with the statutory requirements. The Council will therefore proceed to publish the plan for a period of not less than 6-weeks⁴ from **7 July to 18 August 2022**, inviting representations during this time.

The Strategic Planning Team will be in contact with Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council in due course to discuss arrangements for the Independent Examination.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Kay
Strategic Planning Manager

³ Para. 6(e) of Sch. 4B

⁴ Reg. 16 requires a publication period of “not less than 6 weeks”.