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# East Cambridgeshire Local Plan Examination

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Dear Mr Kay

As you are aware, on 20 February 2018, the Council wrote to me requesting that I make any modifications required to enable me to find the Plan sound. I have undertaken the examination on this basis. However, I cannot move forward with that request unless the Council prepares and consults on the main modifications that I am reasonably satisfied are necessary at this point.

In early December, following the hearing sessions, and taking into account all representations, hearing statements, together with my site visits, I came to the conclusion that the Plan as submitted was unsound. However, I was of the opinion that with modifications it could be capable of being found sound. I informed the Council of this in my letter of 5 December 2018.

I sent a further letter on 19 December 2018. This set out where the main modifications were required and requested that the Council work these up to form a schedule of modifications, which could then be formally consulted upon. This would have enabled me, with the benefit of any consultation responses, to write my final report to the Council which would have included the main modifications necessary for the Plan to be found.

Unfortunately, as the Council has given no firm indication to date that it intends to progress work on a schedule of modifications and has not replied to my previous requests for confirmation that it would do so, I am unable to move forward with my examination of the submitted Plan which must take place in an open and transparent fashion. Therefore, the Council has three choices:

1. Confirm that you are content to move forward with the examination and work with me to draft a schedule of main modifications based on the list which I have previously sent. The aim here would be to move to a position where I could recommend that the plan could be adopted subject to modifications.

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2. Continue to make no progress with the drafting and publicising of the main modifications, without which I have concluded that I cannot find the Plan sound. As a consequence, I would have no choice, but to write my report to the Council concluding that the Plan, as submitted, was unsound, and so could not be adopted.
  
3. Alternatively, if the Council finds that it is unable to accept my recommendations, it could formally withdraw the Plan.

Given the amount of time that has passed since my original letter, unless I hear otherwise within seven calendar days of the date of this letter, I will proceed on the basis of option 2.

For the avoidance of doubt, please allow the Programme Officer the facility to publish this letter without delay, along with my letters of 19 December 2018, and 25 January 2019.

Yours Sincerely

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Inspector

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