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Your ref:

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Dear Mrs Hughes

I am writing to confirm receipt of the Sutton Neighbourhood Plan (Submission Version) and accompanying documents; and to confirm that the plan meets the statutory requirements and can therefore 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 Sutton Parish Council and applies to the designated Sutton Neighbourhood Area. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is coterminous with the Sutton Civil Parish boundary, and does not include land within any other parish. As a parish council, Sutton Parish Council is authorised to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the designated Sutton Neighbourhood Area¹.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents

Sutton Parish Council submitted the draft Neighbourhood Plan which contains policies and proposals which apply to the designated Sutton Neighbourhood Area. The submitted Plan is accompanied by a Basic Conditions Statement, Consultation Statement, a SEA Screening Report and a suite of evidence documents providing assessment of local issues.

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

Planning permission and excluded development

The draft Neighbourhood Plan sets out proposed planning policies which apply to the Sutton Neighbourhood Area only. The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not therefore 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.

¹ Paras. 6(a) & (b) of Sch. 4B.

² Paras. 6(c) & (d) of Sch. 4B

³ Para. 6(e) of Sch. 4B

In conclusion, the Council is satisfied that the submitted Sutton Neighbourhood Plan complies with the statutory requirements. The Council will therefore proceed to publish the plan for a 7 week period from Thursday 29 November to Thursday 17 January 2019, inviting representations during this time. Please note, whilst the regulations require a publication period of “not less than 6 weeks”, the Council has decided to extend this by one week due to the Christmas and New Year public holidays falling during the publication period.

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

Yours Sincerely

Richard Kay
Strategic Planning Manager