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Dear Stephen

Submission of Cambridge Local Plan 2014

I am pleased to enclose the Cambridge Local Plan and accompanying documents for submission to the Secretary of State. I am submitting these for examination in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The submission consists of the following documents:

- Cambridge Local Plan 2014 - Proposed Submission and Policies Map (2x hard copies and 1x electronic copy)
- Addendum to the Cambridge Local Plan 2014 Proposed Submission Document (July 2013): Schedule of proposed changes following proposed submission consultation
- Representations to Proposed Submission Local Plan received under Regulation 20 (1x hard copy and 1x electronic copy. Hard copies of representations have been packaged in separate boxes labelled RD/Sub/C/150 Boxes 1 - 10);
- Statement of Consultation (Regulation 22 (1)(c) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012);
- Adopted Statement of Community Involvement
- Sustainability Appraisal of the Cambridge Local Plan 2014. Volume 1: Final Appraisal for the Submission to the Secretary of State & Volume 2: History of Site Allocations
- Key Issues from Proposed Submission Consultation
- Notice of Submission
- Cambridge Local Plan 2014 Site Allocations. Flood Risk Sequential Test Evidence Report
- Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Submission Statement of Compliance with the, 'Duty to Cooperate'
- Equalities Impact Assessment 2013
- Habitats Regulations Assessment Part 1
- Habitats Regulations Assessment Part 2
- Local Development Scheme 26 March 2014
- Self-Assessment of Soundness and Legal Compliance

The council has also compiled a full and complete set of evidence base documents for submission. A hard copy of all documents has been provided and forms the Reference Document library. This is a joint library with South Cambridgeshire District Council. Electronic copies of all documents have also been provided.

Please note that the council has agreed an addendum of minor changes following Proposed Submission consultation. The council considers that these changes improve the clarity of the Plan and are minor in nature.

The submission documents can be found in boxes 1, 2 and 3 of the Reference Document Library.

As you know, we are submitting the Cambridge Local Plan for examination at the same time as South Cambridgeshire District Council are submitting their Local Plan for examination. Together, the two plans will comprise a sustainable development strategy for the Cambridge area – the area covered by the City Deal announced in the Chancellor's March Budget. As part of the strategy, there are proposals to amend the inner Green Belt boundary.

I note that there have been previous discussions relating to potential examination arrangements for joint strategic issues, and that once appointed, the Inspector will confirm their approach to examining these joint matters.

The council has appointed Gloria Alexander on a joint basis with South Cambridgeshire District Council as the Programme Officer. Gloria's contact details are 01223 457468, mobile 07803202578, email: programme.officer@cambridge.gov.uk

The council has received nearly 3,000 comments to the proposed submission Local Plan. Given this level of response, the council is not currently in a position to estimate the duration of the examination hearings, and would be guided by the Inspector on this matter.

Given the interest in development in Cambridge, the Council is seeking an early date for the commencement of the examination hearings, although we do not envisage these taking place before July 2014. Furthermore, given the level of public interest in the Local Plan, along with the interest in the Local Plan for South Cambridgeshire, it would be advisable to avoid any sessions in August 2014.

The proposed venue for the examinations hearings is the council's offices at the Guildhall, Cambridge. In terms of specific rooms, there are a number of possible options that can be considered depending on the session. It is possible that any joint sessions will be held at South Cambridgeshire District Council offices in Cambourne.

Please also find enclosed a signed Service Level Agreement in relation to submission and examination of the Cambridge Local Plan.

Please also note that under the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) the council has submitted its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule to the Secretary of State for examination. Correspondence including a separate Service Level Agreement has been sent to Andy Gadsby. The council anticipates that the examination for CIL will follow after the Local Plan examination.

If you have any further queries, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the Programme Officer.

Yours sincerely



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