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Dear Mr Palmer,

Examination of the Solihull Local Plan

As you know, we have been appointed to examine the Solihull Local Plan. Whilst we are continuing with our initial preparation, we would be grateful if you could provide the following information/clarification to assist us. It is likely that there will be further requests as we proceed with the examination.

- a) Housing trajectory – a table showing a year by year trajectory for expected housing completions for each of the different categories of supply over the whole plan period and the total for each year. For the allocated sites (including NEC and Arden Cross), each individual site shown separately.
- b) Sites UK1 and UK2 – clarification on the scale and type of development envisaged at each site in terms of land area, floorspace and dwellings where applicable.
- c) Gypsies and Travellers – clarification of the updated situation regarding the GTAA, the implications for the need identified and how that will be met and implications for Policy P6.
- d) Site allocation profiles – pulling together key information on each site including site area, scale and type of development proposed, OS base map showing site and surrounding area, cross references to site selection documents and key findings, cross references to Green Belt Assessment and key findings, summary of key constraints and infrastructure requirements.
- e) Omission/alternative sites – list of omission/alternative sites put forward in representations at Reg 19 stage along with information on representor and site plan and cross references to site selection documents.

We would be grateful if you could provide this information by 16 July.

At this early stage, we are unable to set definite dates for examination hearings. However, we currently envisage being able to commence hearings around the end of September. We anticipate needing approximately five weeks sitting time in total between then and early December, with no more than two weeks consecutive sitting. This hopefully takes into account your initial feedback on other commitments and potential availability.

We are aiming to issue Matters, Issues and Questions, Guidance Notes and an indicative hearings timetable by 30 July. In terms of written statements in response to our Matters, Issues and Questions we anticipate a deadline of early September for those relating to the first set of hearings concerning strategic matters and then giving an additional few weeks for remaining statements to be submitted. We must stress that these dates are indicative at this stage and subject to our continued consideration of the Local Plan and relevant issues.

Please let us know via the Programme Officer if you have any queries regarding the above. We look forward to your response to our requests.

Yours sincerely,

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