

## **West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 Examination**

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Dear Mr Hargraves

### **West Oxfordshire Local Plan Examination**

Thank you very much for the Council's team's helpful contribution to the recent hearings which, along with that of all other participants, has enabled me to considerably progress the examination of the plan.

There are a number of documents and evidence which the Council is intending to prepare/commission in response to the hearings. These include:

- The Council's final responses to consultation comments on its Site Selection (EXAM 007) and Sustainability Appraisal (EXAM 008) papers.
- Additional Sustainability Appraisal work as indicated in the Sustainability Paper (EXAM 008).
- Additional landscape/heritage appraisal of the housing site allocations in Woodstock and in the Cotswold AONB.
- A note on detailed proposals for "staging" the housing requirement figure, in order to assist my consideration of whether or not this approach is an appropriate way forward for the plan.

I would be grateful if the Council would confirm a timetable for the completion of this work and for any other documents/evidence the Council wishes to submit to the Examination.

Additionally, at the Stage 2 and 3 hearings we discussed a number of possible specific further modifications to the plan. It would be helpful if the Council would provide a consolidated list of these modifications listing the relevant policies/supporting text affected and briefly indicating the broad thrust of the modification. I do not need to see the draft wording of the modifications at this stage, but would be grateful if the Council would also indicate a timescale for the preparation of the draft wording. You will of course appreciate that I have yet to determine whether or not these modifications are capable of making the plan sound. Moreover, in the light of the additional evidence which is being prepared

and my overall deliberations on the plan, it may be that other modifications will be necessary.

Once I have received all the documents I will be able to determine the appropriate form and timing of any consultation.

In order that I can plan my work on this and other examinations it would be helpful if the Council would respond by Friday 4 August 2017 detailing all the further work to be undertaken and the timetable for its preparation.

Yours sincerely

*Malcolm Rivett*

INSPECTOR