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Malcolm Rivett BA (Hons) MSc MRTPI

Your Ref : IN029
Our Ref : WOLP66
Date : 18 January 2018

Dear Mr Rivett

Examination of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan

Thank you for your letter of 16 January setting out your thoughts on the Local Plan at this stage of the examination.

I am pleased to note, that subject to further modifications to the effect of those now proposed by the Council, you have concluded that the plan as previously proposed to be modified (CD5) is likely to be capable of being found legally compliant and sound.

Your comments in relation to the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the Burford – Charlbury sub-area are also noted. The Council's priority is to adopt the Local Plan as soon as possible. In that context, given the significant concerns that you have over the housing proposals in this sub-area, Officers will prepare suggested modifications for your consideration. As you state in your letter, your suggested way forward will still leave a total supply of 15,869 dwellings, which is 99.5% of the plan period district-wide housing requirement. The proposed allocations and reliance on windfall in this sub-area is not essential to the soundness of the plan.

Officers will now seek to liaise with you in relation to the precise wording of these and the other previously proposed modifications with a view to public consultation taking place as soon as possible on those modifications that have not yet been consulted upon. We will also undertake any necessary SA/HRA.

Thank you for your continued assistance in this matter. If you require anything further from the Council at this stage please let me know.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Giles Hughes".

Giles Hughes
Head of Planning and Strategic Housing