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Kevin Ward – Inspector  
Planning Inspectorate  
(email via Programme Manager)

**our ref:** DB/JB  
**your ref:** PINS/T3725/429/5

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Dear Mr Ward

**Re: Examination of Warwick District Local Plan:  
Findings regarding initial matters and issues**

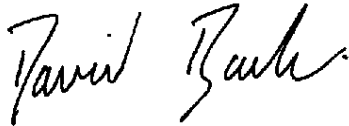
Thank you for your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> June and for your consideration of the issues covered in matters 1, 2 and 3. As you suggest, I (along with colleagues and councillors) am disappointed by your findings and in particular with your conclusions that you can only recommend non-adoption of the plan or withdrawal.

I have read your letter carefully and fully respect the consideration you have given the issues. I understand a number of the concerns you raise. However, I and my colleagues continue to have a significant difference with you regarding the approach that should be taken to addressing unmet housing need arising in Coventry. We do not believe that withdrawing the Plan will provide the best outcomes for the positive and effective planning of the area. Conversations with local interested parties, including a number of developers, indicate an element of surprise at your findings and a feeling that withdrawing the Plan could result in uncoordinated and undesirable development, whilst holding back potentially beneficial developments. Although we have not discounted withdrawing the Plan, the implications of doing so are potentially so serious that we feel we have to consider other options and as part of this, we are writing to the Secretary of State asking him to consider calling-in the Local Plan and completing the Examination in Public.



Once we have had a response from the Secretary of State, we will revert to you with further thoughts about our preferred way forward. In the meantime, we would ask that the examination process is held in abeyance.

Yours sincerely



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