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Dear Mr Ward

**Re: Examination of Warwick District Local Plan**

In your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015, you requested that I provide you with an update on progress at the end of January.

My letter to you dated 14<sup>th</sup> October had a Local Plan suspension timetable appended to it. I have updated this timetable and have appended it to this letter to provide you with an overview of the progress we have made and the revised programme of work for the coming months. The key points to note are as follows:

- 1 Work on identifying and assessing potential sites is complete. The Council is confident that it will be able to put forward modifications to the Local Plan site allocations (and associated Plan proposals) to meet the revised housing requirement (including an element of the unmet need arising in Coventry that the District has agreed to accommodate through the Housing Memorandum of Understanding)
- 2 The Housing Memorandum of Understanding (HMOU) was formally endorsed by the six Councils at the Shadow Economic Prosperity Board in September 2015. At this stage Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council still do not support the HMOU. They have made considerable progress with their SHLAA and expect to share the initial results of this in February. However at the time of writing I am unable to advise you with regards to Nuneaton and Bedworth's capacity to provide for Coventry's unmet housing need.
- 3 As you are aware, the Secretary of State published decisions on two major planning appeals (The Asps and Gallows Hill) on the 14<sup>th</sup> January. These decisions resulted in 1325 dwellings being granted planning permission. Clearly such significant decisions have implications for our Local Plan modifications and I have therefore asked that the Local Plan Council report

that had been scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> January be delayed until 24<sup>th</sup> February. This will enable the implications of these decisions to be fully assessed and addressed. This unavoidable delay is frustrating, as it remains a priority of this Council to progress the Local Plan as quickly as possible. I am advised that it is possible to reduce the time involved with summarising and collating the representations received during the consultation period and we are preparing to draw on additional staffing resources to achieve this. This should enable us to submit the modifications to you before the end of May, and if not, by early June.

I will write to you again with a further update following the report to Council on 24<sup>th</sup> February. In the meantime, please let me know if you would like any further information.

Yours sincerely

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