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Dear Mr Andrews,

Warwick District Local Plan – proposed main modifications

1. I refer to your letter on behalf of Catesby Estates Limited sent by e mail on 28 March 2017 to Mr Kemp for my attention.
2. The Council has requested that I recommend modifications necessary to make the Local Plan sound. Under S20(7) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (the Act), I am required to set out recommendations and the reasons for those recommendations in my report. The Council is required to publish my report as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt.
3. It is important to stress that these requirements concern my report to the Council. My report will set out my conclusions and contain recommendations on the modifications necessary to make the Local Plan sound along with the reasons for them. I will have regard to comments received during the period of consultation on the Proposed Main Modifications in setting out these recommendations. There is nothing in the Act or associated Regulations which requires any particular course of action in relation to the schedule of Proposed Main Modifications which has now been produced prior to my report being published, or which requires me to produce an interim report setting out reasons for the Proposed Main Modifications at this stage or indeed my conclusions on matters considered during the examination.
4. I note references to the document published by the Planning Inspectorate "Procedural Practice in the Examination of Local Plans". This provides guidance and does not set out legal requirements. Even so, it does not suggest that an interim report should be published, nor does it indicate that reasons for Proposed Main Modifications should be set out when they are published for consultation. The quotes set out in your letter relate to the Inspector's report.
5. The seven week period of consultation which is due to end on 5 May 2017 provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the Proposed Main Modifications. I will take account of any comments received, along with the Sustainability Appraisal of the Proposed Main Modifications produced by the

Council before finalising my report. I will retain the option of re-opening hearing sessions should this be appropriate following the receipt of comments although as the Procedural Practice document points out this would be an exceptional step.

6. I can confirm therefore that I will not be producing an interim report or otherwise setting out my conclusions and reasons why the Proposed Main Modifications are necessary prior to submitting my report to the Council. The consultation on the Proposed Main Modifications will continue as planned. I have asked for your letter and my response to be added to the Examination Website page, as it may be of wider interest.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Ward

INSPECTOR