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Dear Mr McCormack

**Response to Inspector's Initial Letter**

Thank you for your letter sent by e-mail, dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the slight delay in responding.

We are pleased to learn that following your initial review, you are satisfied that the examination of the Plan can progress.

In your letter you have referred to guidance on Examination Hearing Sessions and asked which option the Council would prefer in terms of how the hearings are held. Option 1 – Face-to-face roundtable discussion sessions would be our preference. You also asked whether the Council has the capability technologically and logistically to host the hearings virtually in any event as a fallback position should a change in circumstances require it. I can confirm that we could host hearings via MS Teams if required and we do have the facilities to broadcast sessions on our YouTube channel, as we regularly do with a number of Committee meetings.

I can provide you with the following update in terms of the suitability of the suggested examination hearing dates and venues:

I can confirm that the indicative dates for the Examination including week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for the hearings are suitable for those likely to be representing the Local Planning Authority:

- WDC policy staff
- Planning Consultant - Paul Slater – Edgars
- Technical Consultants - Lewis Knight / Marina Goodyear – Bioregional
- Viability Consultant - Antony Lee – BNP Paribas
- Sustainability Appraisal Consultant - Barbara Carroll – Enfusion.

Availability of a suitable, accessible venue:

- We are currently enquiring about the availability of a suitable venue
- It appears that the most suitable venue would be the Council Chamber in Leamington Town Hall and hope to have a clearer understanding tomorrow with



regards to its availability and that of a smaller room that the Inspector and Programme Officer could use

- The Chamber is accessible and is fully set up for meetings that are broadcasted. To do this in another room venue would significantly increase our costs, which we would like to avoid
- Given that the Chamber is likely to be booked for evening meetings, we may be required to finish proceedings by 4:30 to allow the room to be changed for the evening meetings. Would this work based on typical hearing schedules?

I would hope to be in a position to confirm dates and venue this week.

In your letter you indicated that it was unclear whether the Council is requesting that you recommend main modifications where necessary to make the Plan sound, legally compliant and capable of adoption in accordance with Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. In SUB7 we have identified some suggested modifications and set these out clearly in SUB11 (Appendix 4 Reg 22 Consultation Statement - Schedule of Proposed Minor Changes). The Council considers these modifications to be minor, yet important changes and kindly requests that you consider these as minor modifications given their nature. If you are of the opinion that these cannot be considered as minor modifications, please could you advise that this is the case.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and Mr Kemp to progress the Examination.

Yours sincerely,

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