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Dear Mrs Housden,

North East Derbyshire Local Plan Examination

Thank you for your letter of 26th July 2018 outlining the broad draft structure and timing for the Examination hearing sessions, matters of clarification and additional work requested of the Council. I will take each of the points you raise in turn.

I can confirm that the **draft structure and timings for the hearing sessions** are acceptable to the Council. The venue for the hearing sessions will be the Council Chamber which is located at the Council's principal offices at Mill Lane (see full address above). The venue has been booked for the duration of the hearing sessions for the weeks commencing 12 November, 19 November and 3 December 2013.

I note the intention to hold a separate hearing session to consider the need and site provision for **Gypsy and Traveller accommodation** at a date to be confirmed. I understand that this will be scheduled once the Council has confirmed the timescale for the completion of the additional site work that is currently underway. I will provide you with a detailed timescale by 24 August 2018 once the shortlisting of sites is complete. However, I anticipate that the work will be completed by the end of October prior to the commencement of the main hearing sessions.

In terms of whether the Council considers that an **update to the GTAA** is required in the context of the current sites work. You will be aware that the GTAA was produced in partnership with a number of other Local Authorities, discussions have taken place through the joint working group on whether an update is required in light of the Government's decision to remove the word 'permanently' from its definition of Gypsies and Travellers i.e. the definition would be limited to those who have a nomadic habit of life. Following that discussion, it was agreed (February 2018) not to commission further work from RRR Consultancy Ltd at this stage, but to await a refresh of the GTAA, which will be due in 2019/20. While the new definition "would impact on future Gypsy and Traveller accommodation assessments by not considering the needs of families who have permanently ceased to travel" (GTAA, para 1.52), the impact may be to reduce the requirement slightly, if at all.

The Council notes the Inspector's request for an **initial response to the matters raised in the representations made at the Regulation 19 stage** of consultation, along with a more detailed response to any **specific suggestions for change**. I can confirm that the Council is well underway with this work and will provide the relevant schedules of responses by 24 August as requested.

I can confirm that the **Employment Topic Paper** will also be available by 24 August 2018.

I can also confirm that **documents SubD4(e) and (f)** contain all responses received during the Regulation 19 consultation stage, this includes responses received during the main consultation period (21 February – 4 April 2018) and during both extended consultation periods for the **Green Belt Topic Paper & Duty to Co-operate Statement** (22 March– 3 May 2018) and for the **Habitats Regulation Assessment** (6 April - 18 May 2018)

In respect of the issues highlighted in relation to the impacts of development upon the **strategic road network and M1 Junction 30** in particular, the Council has commenced dialogue with Highways England to further understand their position in relation to the deliverability/funding of any necessary improvements to the network, with a view to securing a Position Statement or Statement of Common Ground. This will include liaison with Derbyshire County Council and neighbouring authorities as appropriate. I will provide an update on this matter on the 24 August, 2018.

I trust that the above is self-explanatory, however if you require further information please do not hesitate the contact me via the Programme Officer.

Yours faithfully



Helen Fairfax
Planning Policy Manager

