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To: Carole Crookes
Subject: York Local Plan - Query for Inspectors

Dear Carole

I write regarding the Council's interpretation of the Inspectors' letter dated 12th June 2020. At a virtual Chamber of Commerce Property Forum held on 29 June 2020, the Council representative speaking at the meeting informed us that the Council did not intend to withdraw the Local Plan but intended to work with the Inspectors to resolve their outstanding concerns about the definition of inner Green Belt boundaries.

It was also stated that the Council were working on the assumption that the Inspectors were satisfied with the Council's position on the objectively assessed housings need (including affordable housing) and with the Council's position on the Duty to Co-operate.

As I am sure the Inspectors will appreciate, if the Council proceed on this basis, this will in turn determine how objectors and other interested parties respond and could involve considerable work over the coming months and beyond. Our reading of the Inspectors' letter is that they offer no view at this point in time on the matters of the OAHN, affordable housing or the duty to co-operate.

Can the Inspectors please confirm whether:

- our interpretation is correct;
- the Council's assumption is correct; or
- they have a different position to either us or the Council.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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