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EXAMINATION INTO THE SOUNDNESS OF THE CITY OF YORK LOCAL PLAN

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By email only

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Dear Mr Wright

Examination of the City of York Local Plan

Thank you for your letter dated 22 September. We note its content and that of the note enclosed with it.

As you know, we set out in our letter of 12 June to the Council the conclusions we have reached in relation to whether or not it is necessary for exceptional circumstances to be demonstrated for the purposes of paragraphs 82 and 83 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012), and in relation to whether the Local Plan is in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy. We reached those conclusions taking full account of the written evidence produced on these matters and the oral evidence given at the hearings, including your submissions.

We note your opinion that we have erred in law and your intentions if/when the Local Plan is adopted by the Council. Those are matters for you to decide. Given that any challenge would be made against the Council's adoption of the Local Plan, it may be that you would wish to share your views directly with the Council. Either way, for our part, we have set out our conclusions in our letter of 12 June, and we currently have nothing to add.

In the interests of openness and transparency, your letter and this reply will be added to the examination library.

Yours sincerely

Simon Berkeley and Andrew McCormack

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