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Dear Mr Berkeley and Mr McCormack

Following the close of the 'Proposed modifications and evidence base consultation' on 7th July 2021, officers have been working to collate and summarise the comments received. We are now pleased to enclose a Consultation Statement in line with Regulation 22 of the Town and County Planning Regulations 2012, as amended. This should be regarded as an addendum to the submitted Plan's Consultation Statement (2018) [CD013A-W] and the Proposed Modifications Consultation Statement Addendum (2019) [EXCYC22 & EXCYC22a]. Additionally, we also enclose a Duty-to-Cooperate Statement (2021) summarising our engagement with statutory and prescribed bodies since 2019; This should be considered alongside the Council's submitted Statements to demonstrate compliance with the Duty to co-operate [CD020 & EXCYC7a and EXCYC23].

In total, 128 responses were received to this consultation from 126 individuals, organisations or interest groups; this equates to over 2000 separate comments on the proposed modifications and evidence base presented as well as on wider aspects of the submitted Plan.

The Consultation Statement seeks to identify the main issues raised through the consultation with a more detailed summary of comments provided in Annex 6. To be transparent, we also intend to provide copies of the full individual representations (with personal information redacted), which will follow this submission shortly. The Council consider that no material new issues have arisen through the representations received to the consultation; A brief response to the issues raised and the potential next stages are outlined in Section 4 of the report.

Following indication in your correspondence earlier this year that we will be moving to a further set of examination hearing sessions, the Council would like to confirm that we are in the process of the identifying suitable venues for such hearings to take

place. Due to the ongoing pandemic and uncertainty related to this as we move forward, it is our preference that these are a hybrid of face-to-face and virtual sessions to enable effective participation. We would welcome an early indication in relation to proceeding to further sessions to enable us to coordinate with the Programme Officer the event details.

We look forward to hearing you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Ferris', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Neil Ferris
Corporate Director - Economy and Place