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Dear Mr Berkeley and Mr McCormack,

York Local Plan Examinations – Phase 4 Hearing Statements

Please find attached the following Hearing Statements for the Phase 4 Hearing Sessions which commence 6th September 2022.

- Matter 1 – Green Belt Boundaries
- Matter 3 – Castle Gateway and York Central
- Matter 4 – Placemaking, Design, Heritage, and Culture
- Matter 5 – Green Infrastructure
- Matter 6 – Development in the Green Belt
- Matter 7 – Transport and Air Quality
- Matter 8 – Economy and Retail
- Matter 9 – Environmental Matters
- Matter 10 –Waste and Minerals
- Matter 11 –Communications Infrastructure
- Matter 12 -General Development Management
- Matter 13 –Climate Change
- Matter 14 –Health and Wellbeing

As previously advised, Matter 2 – University of York and the composite 'Proposed Modifications Schedule' will follow.

The 'Proposed Modifications Schedule' provides a complete set of changes proposed by the Council since the initial submission of the Local Plan. It supersedes any previously issued modifications schedule. Overall, the proposed modifications do

not change the structure or intent of the plan or the fundamental purpose of its policies. They are intended primarily to provide greater clarity in the drafting of policy for decision-making, having regard to NPPF policy.

Many of the modifications may be considered not to fall into the category of main modifications for soundness and NPPF compliance. Many are minor and are simply to deal with basic drafting errors, or the need for reference updates by virtue of the time that has elapsed since submission e.g. references to projects for 2017 – 2022 where these have been delivered/ changed. However, the Council considers it prudent at this stage to include these proposed changes for clarity. If necessary these can be further reviewed before consultation on main modifications.

Yours Sincerely,



Neil Ferris

Corporate Director of Place