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Dear Mr. Sims,

RE: Preliminary Note to West Berkshire Council from the Appointed Inspector

Thank you for your note dated 01st September 2021.

The Council responds to the questions/points raised as follows:

Main Questions:

Question 1: WBC is requested to consider making a request for MMs under Section 20(7C) at this stage and to keep a travelling draft Schedule of MMs during the Examination.

The Council is pursuing the appropriate delegation to make a request for Main Modifications and has started a draft Schedule of Main Modifications based on the preliminary observations of the Inspector.

Question 2: WBC is requested to confirm that officers will be authorised to discuss MMs in any open session.

The Council can confirm that officers with the appropriate authority to discuss Main Modifications will be present at the hearings sessions.

Question 3: WBC is requested to indicate whether these broad arrangements [regarding hearings sessions] are acceptable.

The Council can confirm that the proposed arrangements are satisfactory and is looking into suitable venues for the timing suggested.

Question 4: WBC is requested to indicate whether any implications of NPPF21 for the MWLP have been considered and how this is or will be documented.

Please help us save paper and reply electronically

This question was anticipated prior to submission, and therefore we would like to direct your attention to Examination Document SI004 - 'July 2021 NPPF Update Note', which addresses the matter. Consequently, the Council can confirm that any implications of NPPF21 in relation to soundness or legal compliance of the MWLP have been considered.

Additional Points:

Hard Copies of Documents

These have been sent via the Programme Officer who has confirmed receipt.

Notification of Hearings

The required notice of the hearing session details will be sent via the Programme Officer through the introductory letters / website updates.

Late Representations

The Council can confirm that the proposed suggested arrangement regarding late representations is acceptable.

Yours faithfully,



Elise Kinderman
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