Examination of the Wiltshire Local Plan Review

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Dear Mrs Clampitt-Dix,

Wiltshire Local Plan examination – Outcome following Stage 2 hearings

Further to the sessions held on 11-13th November, we have now had time to reflect on the discussions in the hearings over the course of last week.

We have already heard significant discussion on the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment, housing need and the housing requirement, and employment land, together with the plan period. We have a number of concerns on these matters and as discussed with you, further work will be required.

In this light, there has already been significant discussion on the implications of these matters on the spatial strategy. It is also clear that the further work we require will likely impact future discussions on the spatial strategy and other aspects of the plan.

As a result, we consider that in order for the examination to be effective, the remaining hearing sessions currently in the draft programme should be postponed to allow for this further work to be completed.

We will write to you again in due course to set out in greater detail what work we consider will be required at this stage. However, in the interests of expediency, we felt it necessary to advise you and the other participants of our intentions as soon as possible noting the timings in the hearing programme.

We are also mindful of the deadline for the next stage of hearing statements set for 21 November. As a result, we do not wish for these statements to be submitted by any parties as this may result in abortive work. However, the remaining notes arising from the hearings that have taken place are still required by the agreed deadlines.

We hope the above is clear but if you have any further questions at this stage please let us know via the Programme Officer.

Yours sincerely,

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