Dear Inspector

RESPONSE TO INITIAL LETTER DATED 18 JUNE 2018

Thank you for your letter addressed to Martyn Thomas dated 18th June 2018 (your reference PINS/B5480/429/9) which seeks preliminary clarification from the Council about the evidence submitted.

Please find the Council’s response to each of your questions set out below.

1. I can confirm that the proposed modifications to the Local Plan have not been subject to any consultation to date.

2. An updated schedule of proposed modifications in enclosed with this letter. It now includes an additional column setting out whether the Council considers the suggested change to be a potential ‘main modification’ or simply an ‘additional change’. The updated schedule will be made available on the Council’s website.

   A track changed version of the submitted plan which reflects the suggestions within the Proposed Modifications document will be sent to you by the 2nd July and will made available on the Council’s website.

3. All documents forming the Local Plan Submission, supporting documents and evidence base have now been given individual document numbers and this will be reflected on the Council’s website by the 2nd July. A list of the documents with their reference numbers is enclosed with this letter.

   Any documents that have been inadvertently omitted from the website will be made available by the 2nd July.

4. Enclosed with this letter are two spreadsheets of the response references, one in policy order and the other in representor number order. An additional column has been added to indicate those that have expressed a wish to be heard at the hearings.
In addition, a full spreadsheet of all representations and council responses is being prepared and will be sent to you by the 2nd July.

5. A file containing hard copies of the regulation 19 stage representations from all of the Duty to Co-operate bodies and adjoining authorities has been sent to you.

We note your comment about the preparation of Statements of Common Grounds (SoCG) in due course. In advance of this we would like to draw your attention to Annexes D and E of the Duty to Co-operate Statement 2018. Annex D is a SoCG with the London Borough of Redbridge and Annex E is a SoCG relating to transport issues with a number of Essex Boroughs.

6. The statement of conformity with the London Plan (in accordance with Regulation 21) is registered as a Regulation 19 consultation response from the GLA (Person ID 1136016) comment ID LPREG19-213 and 414-421 (inclusive). The statement is also enclosed with this letter.

7. I can confirm that there are no outstanding relating to the Habitats Regulation Report raised by relevant bodies including Natural England (Refer to their representation LPREG19-47).

8. I can confirm that the Council would like you to make recommendations on main modifications in order to remedy any soundness issues.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

Updated Schedule of Proposed Modifications
List of Submission Documents with reference number
Response References – Plan Order
Response References – Representor Number Order
Statement of Conformity with the London Plan