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Mr Simon Berkeley; and
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Our reference FHDC SIR Examination
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Dear Simon Berkeley and Christa Masters,

Re: Examination of the Single Issue Review of Core Strategy Policy CS7 ('the SIR')

Response to Planning Inspector's letter dated 28th November 2017

Thank you for your letter updating the Council on progress and requesting clarification.

I can confirm that the Council's position has not changed. It is still the Council's intention that the revised Policy CS7 and the supporting paragraphs, both of which formed the subject of the SIR examination, would be 'embedded' into the adopted Core Strategy and the Council's Note of the 13 November 2017 was prepared and should be read on this basis.

Paragraph 1.4 of the Council's Note on consistency of SIR to CS1 states 'once adopted the SIR will form part of the development plan together with the Core Strategy.' While the SIR is to be embedded within the Core Strategy, it has been examined as a single policy in terms of its conformity with the adopted development plan. It is only on adoption of the SIR in due course in accordance with section 17(8)(a) of the 2004 Act (assuming a positive outcome to the examination) that the SIR will be embedded within the Core Strategy (albeit as a separate online and printed document, which will be required in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(a) to state its own date of adoption) hence the current reference to both documents being read together in paragraph 1.4. In formal terms, the SIR will remain as a legally distinct 'local plan' (prepared, examined, and adopted as such), albeit that for all practical purposes it will 'merge' with the Core Strategy and so be embedded within it. Both documents will then constitute part of the adopted development plan.

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The Council does not consider that this affects (materially or at all) any of the submissions enclosed within our letter (dated 13th November). The legal points raised have been used to further clarify the Councils position which was subject of the SIR examination.

If you have any queries on the above response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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