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DISTRICT COUNCIL**

8 May 2024

Inspector Helen Hockenhull BA (Hons) B.PI MRTPI

Dear Ms Hockenhull

Examination of the Remitted Part of the Salt Cross Village Area Action Plan (AAP)

Thank you for your recent letter of 22 April 2024 confirming the re-opening of the Salt Cross AAP examination.

The clarity provided on the scope of the examination is helpful and we agree that the additional work you have identified appears appropriate. Some brief comments on each aspect are set out below.

Main Modifications to Policy 2 and consequential modifications to the AAP

The District Council will draft Main Modifications to Policy 2 and any associated minor Additional Modifications to the remainder of the AAP in conjunction with the consultant team that prepared the original Policy 2 evidence base in May 2020 (reference EV17).

Supporting Evidence to Address the WMS (December 2023)

In terms of supporting evidence, we propose to commission the same consultant team to produce an update of their original study (reference EV17) to reflect the requirements of the December 2023 Written Ministerial Statement (WMS).

We will also commission consultants to prepare an update of the previous AAP viability assessments (reference EV34 and EV38 – EV42) reflecting the outcome of any update to the Policy 2 evidence base.

Unless addressed as part of the work outlined above, we may also commission consultants to update the previous AAP housing strategy advice (reference EV16) to consider any potential impact on housing supply and affordability.

Update to the Sustainability Appraisal

We intend to commission consultants to undertake any necessary update of the previous AAP Sustainability Appraisal (SA) (reference CD2 and CD3).

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Anticipated Timescales

In terms of timescales, we envisage that the work outlined above will take around 3-4 months to complete, effectively covering the period May – July/August 2024, after which point we will submit it to you for your consideration.

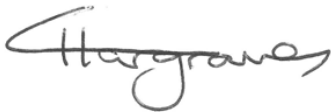
We welcome the opportunity to discuss a more detailed timetable with you in due course.

With regards to the other points raised in your letter, we are currently in the process of appointing a Programme Officer and I will forward the relevant contact details under separate cover as soon as possible.

Finally, with regard to the Council's website, your letter of 22 April has already been published and we are currently in the process of implementing your other requested changes.

I trust the above is helpful but please let me know if you require any further information at this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hargraves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

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