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Examination of Wolverhampton Local Plan

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Dear Ms Ross

Housing Land Supply, Main Modifications and Supplementary Planning Documents

Introduction

As you will be aware, we have taken over the examination of the Wolverhampton Local Plan ("the Plan") from our colleagues, Ms Wright and Ms Lucas. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues.

We are currently familiarising ourselves with the submitted Plan, and the associated evidence base and examination documents. It is our aim to do this as quickly as possible to prevent further delays to the examination.

To this end we hope to publish our matters, issues and questions in the coming weeks, along with a revised guidance note and a timetable for the hearing sessions.

In the meantime, there are a few matters from our initial work where we would appreciate your help.

Housing Land Supply

In order to save time at the hearings and help us understand the up-to-date position in terms of 5 year housing land supply (HLS), we would like the Council to complete the forms in the following link for each site that will contribute to the 5 year (HLS).

[Local plans: housing land supply evidence \(December 2023 Framework\) - GOV.UK](#)

As part of this work, it would also be helpful if the Council could update the housing trajectory in Appendix 2 of the Plan.

Main Modifications

It is clear from the Council's summary of representations (CD8a) that the Council proposes some main modifications (MMs) to the Plan as a result of comments made by representors during the Regulation 19 consultation.

Any proposed changes that materially affect the Plan's policies can only be included in the Plan if we consider them to be necessary for soundness or legal compliance and recommend them as MMs.

Additional Modifications (AMs) may also be indicated by the Council but must not materially affect the Plan's policies and are generally accepted to be the correction of typos, updating document titles and dates etc. These should be kept in a separate table.

It would be helpful if the Council could prepare schedules of MMs and AMs and keep them up to date throughout the examination. Where the Council wishes to propose changes to the Plan (for example, in response to representations), these should be drafted as potential MMs. It would be helpful if the schedules include a column explaining the reason for the MM or AM.

Can the Council please place the draft lists of MMs and AMs on the examination website so that they can be discussed at relevant hearing sessions. It is likely these

will be added to during the examination. As you will be aware they will also need to be advertised at the conclusion of the hearing sessions and may need to be subject to sustainability appraisal.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

We note from the Council's summary of representations (CD8a) that some SPDs are proposed. As you will no doubt be aware, the final adoption date for new SPDs is 30 June 2026. Can you please advise if the relevant SPDs will be adopted by this date and if not, what implications this has for the Plan?

Conclusion

Please could you provide a timetable for completion of the work set out above by Friday 3 July.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above matters, then we can be contacted via the Programme Office. A copy of this letter and the Council's response should be placed on the examination website as soon as possible.

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