Dear Inspector

Examination of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan – Council Response to Post Hearings Letter

Thank you for your letter dated 31 January and received on 10 February 2020. The letter was published on the Examination website on Thursday 13 February 2020.

The Council would like to thank you for the manner in which the hearings were conducted and welcomes receipt of this letter, particularly the statement that, subject to modifications, the Plan is likely to be capable of being found legally compliant and sound. We appreciate, however, that as the examination is not yet concluded these comments are without prejudice to your final conclusions.

The Council appreciates the detailed consideration that has gone into the matters that you took away from the hearings to consider further. In response to your concluding paragraph, the Council is fully committed to adopting a sound Local Plan as soon as practicable and we will not be requesting any additional time in connection with the matters on which you have offered the opportunity for more evidence to be prepared. The Council will not be preparing additional evidence in relation to Areas to be Protected from Development. Further information, evidence and clarifications are being prepared on the other specific matters, as requested and will be sent through to you during the next two to three weeks.

As also requested in your letter, the Council is in the process of preparing a consolidated set of the proposed Main Modifications for your consideration prior to public consultation. We are also preparing Additional Modifications and amendments to the Policies Maps, which although not before the Inspector will also form part of the public consultation.
Yours sincerely

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