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Date: 22nd August 2014

Dear Mr Cunningham,

Wiltshire Core Strategy (CS)

In light of the range of evidence that I have been provided with, with due regard to the responses received to the most recent consultation and mindful of your last letter, I consider that I have sufficient evidence to reasonably proceed to finalise my report without further oral submissions/discussion on all but the following two areas. I therefore propose to hold a one day hearing session, following the discussion held into Matter 4 (13th June 2013), to explore these matters in order that I can conclude upon the content of the Core Strategy with regard to the tests of soundness.

- With regard to paragraph 47 (bullets 2, 3 and 4) of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Council's Housing Land Supply Statement, is the Core Strategy justified adequately and consistent with national policy?
- Should the 42,000 homes referenced in modified Core Policy 2 include or exclude the 900 homes permitted to the west of Swindon?

Given the previous representations made and the evidence of the Council, I am not seeking further written submissions in advance of the Hearing itself. As always, if the Council is able to agree common ground with any interested party then that will reduce the necessity for discussion upon the day.

Mr Kemp will liaise to facilitate the arrangements for the day. Without prejudice to the discussion to be held and any matters arising, my current intention thereafter is to finalise my report for the Council and conclude the Examination forthwith.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Seaman

Senior Housing and Planning Inspector