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Dear Mr Kemp,

I refer to your letter dated 7 June seeking views on the soundness of the South Wiltshire Core Strategy in the light of the abolition of the RSS.

This is of interest to us all in LDF teams & I will be very interested in PINS' attitude but, first, a couple of practical points.

- while the Government has signalled its intention to abolish the RSS, this has not actually happened yet & the recently published PPS3 (9 June) still refers to Regional Spatial Strategies,
- while it would not be necessary for the SWCS to be considered against the legal requirement of conforming to the RSS (assuming RSS is abolished), it still needs to be sound in terms of its robust & credible evidence base. Your letter notes that "decisions on housing supply rest with Wiltshire Council". While I agree that that is the 'direction of travel' the Government has indicated, there is still an 'advice vacuum' on how this local housing supply figure is to be calculated. I won't bore you with the detailed concerns I have, but the expectation seems to be that the Government will publish further advice on this - & quite soon. Your date of 21 June for comments may need to be extended if this Government advice is published in the next couple of weeks.

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