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Dear Mr Whitehead

Re: Chippenham Site Allocations Plan Examination - Schedule of Work

At the progress meeting for the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan held on 21 January 2016 it was agreed that Wiltshire Council would provide a written progress statement mid-March on the schedule of work being undertaken by the Council following suspension of the Examination.

I can confirm that the Council continues to make good progress. However, as anticipated in the January meeting, given the complexity of the work and the need for Member involvement, the overall timetable has been adjusted to reflect this.

With regard to progress against the 10 Steps set out in the schedule of work, Step 7 'Sustainability Appraisal of alternative development strategies' is due to be completed by end March. The final stages will therefore now be completed by end April. Completion of Stage 7 will enable us to report to Cabinet in April as set out below.

Officers will be formally reporting to Cabinet on 19 April 2016 to provide an update on the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan and in particular, regarding whether the schedule of work is likely to: (i) result in significant proposed modifications to the submitted Plan due to a different development strategy being identified; or (ii) support a development strategy broadly consistent with the submitted Plan. A copy of the report will be available on 11 April 2016 when the Agenda is published.

In the event of the first outcome, it is expected that the proposed modifications will be reported to Full Council on 10 May 2016; the Agenda will be available on 29 April 2016. The inclusion of these meetings will lead to a short delay in the overall timetable and mean that consultation may commence late May, rather than April, and run for a period of 6 weeks. In the event of the second outcome, it is anticipated that the Council will proceed under delegated authority as referred to at the progress meeting.

The Council will collate and submit all comments to you following the close of the consultation and will provide a short review of issues that have been raised.

I trust this letter provides you with a useful update on progress and reassurance of the Council's commitment to responding to the concerns you have raised. I will ensure that you receive a copy of the Cabinet report as soon as it is available.

If you require any further information please let me know.

Yours sincerely



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