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Dear Mr Cunningham

Chippenham Site Allocations Plan (CSAP) – Examination in Public

Thank you for the useful update on progress dated 18 March which is in accordance with the undertaking made at the Progress Meeting held in January.

To be clear, the Timeline for Schedule of Work submitted in December anticipated that Steps 7 – 9 would be undertaken during February, with Step 10 and submission of documents taking place during March. It appears that these actions will now be delayed with the consultation now possibly commencing in late May and running through the whole of June. This suggests the submission of proposed modifications and consultation responses would take place in early July, resulting in a possible knock-on effect on the timing of the hearings. Nevertheless I would hope that the hearings could still take place by early October in order to ensure my report is completed by the end of 2016.

I look forward to receiving a copy of the report and Agenda when these are published on 11 April and I would be grateful for clarification on the timing for the submission of documents to the Examination. The December Timeline indicated that this would occur following Step 10 and at the start of the 6 week consultation. If it is still the Council's intention to submit documentation to the Examination at the start of the consultation period it would enable me to commence my appraisal and, hopefully, save time later in the process.

You may recall it was suggested that a further meeting might be necessary following receipt of the Council's progress report. Whilst I do not think this would be helpful at the present time, it is possible that it would be useful for me to come to Chippenham at an appropriate time in May so that I may be familiarised with the documentation.

Yours sincerely

Patrick T Whitehead (Inspector)