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Dear Mr Whitehead

Re: Chippenham Site Allocations Plan (CSAP) – Resumed Examination in Public

Thank you for your letter dated 5 August 2016 and the accompanying draft resumed matters programme and list of participants. Confirmation that the examination of the Chippenham Plan has resumed is welcomed. Within the letter your comments in relation to the statutory right to be heard and the approach to making additional modifications are noted.

The Council consider the range of matters to be discussed, including supporting issues, are appropriate to the Plan and the representations that have been made and do not wish to seek any amendments to the programme. However we would like to seek clarification in relation to the submission of additional statements and evidence.

Evidence

The Council are in the process of contacting a number of representors to seek to resolve matters of clarity or minor proposed textual changes as you have suggested. This is likely to generate new evidence, for example in the form of new or updated Statement of Common Ground, which we would like to submit before the hearings resume. Similarly we are working to address your comments in relation to the delivery of the Rawlings Green allocation. As this work may result in additional evidence from the Council and potentially consequential amendments to the hearing programme should the Council submit these by the 9 September date recently set for the submission of additional statements?

Additional matter statements

The Council welcome the recent announcement that additional statements to clarify existing evidence in response to the specific questions you have raised in relation to the programme of matters should be submitted by 9 September 2016. The revised matter schedule and supporting issues are quite different from those which were to be discussed last November and the Council

will need to draw on the newly published evidence to respond. However, we would like to request that responses from the Council should be submitted by 16 September 2016 to enable the Council to respond to any new information provided by individual participants. The Council believes that this would ensure the best use of time at the examination, all parties coming fully briefed and ready to respond to questions and be a procedurally fair way forward.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alistair Cunningham', written in a cursive style.

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