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Dear Mr Spooner

Guildford Local Plan Main Modifications

Thank you for your letter of 23 October 2018.

I agree that it is in everyone's interest for the Local Plan to move forward to adoption as soon as possible.

When you say that you will not be recommending that the new plan will be adopted with main modifications, I take it you mean those modifications relating to the housing requirement and additional sites, rather than all the modifications. There are many modifications that are required for soundness that do not relate to the housing requirement.

As you know, I asked the Council to comment on the implications of the 2016 household projections and your officers have sent me some helpful calculations. I need to give these careful thought and will be considering them together with all other parties' comments on the main modifications. Consultation closed on 23 October so I am hoping to receive those comments soon.

As far as Woking's housing need is concerned, the position is complicated in that the Government is considering an adjustment to the housing needs calculation method to ensure that its house building target is achieved and I understand that consultation on this is imminent. At the moment therefore it may be premature to come to a conclusion on the question of unmet need from Woking, because the basis of the calculation may change.



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I am confident that there will be appropriate ways of dealing with these issues to enable the plan to move forward to adoption. In the interests of fairness I intend to hold a further hearing to discuss the housing requirement arising from the latest household projections, the implications for the additional sites that were included in the main modifications, and the way forward, and will liaise with your officers through the Programme Officer to find a suitable date.

Yours sincerely

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