

Examination of the South Worcestershire Development Plan

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Dear Mr Bayliss

THE COUNCILS' PROGRAMME OF FURTHER WORK AND PROGRESSION TO STAGE 2 OF THE EXAMINATION

Thank you for your letter of 7 April 2014 and your confirmation that the Councils wish to move forward with the South Worcestershire Development Plan [SWDP] on the basis of the recommendations contained in my Further Interim Conclusions.

I am grateful for the detailed timetable and programme of work that you have provided with your letter. They will help to ensure that the examination can progress to Stage 2 as soon as possible. I will ask the Programme Officer to begin making arrangements for the Stage 2 hearings, in consultation with you, when she is back at work later this month.

I note that the timetable indicates that important stages of the proposed further work will be completed at the end of May and end of June respectively. I would appreciate your confirmation at those times that the relevant stage has been completed. I would also ask you to inform me promptly if, for any reason, any stage of the work has to be delayed.

In your letter you ask for my views on the scope of public consultation on proposed main modifications to the SWDP in advance of Stage 2 of the examination. Any decision on the scope of consultation is of course for the Councils to make, but it seems to me that the emphasis at this stage should be on making progress to Stage 2.

Thus I would say that it would be sensible to focus the public consultation in advance of Stage 2 on those proposed main modifications that arise

directly from my recommendations on the Stage 1 matters¹, together with any additional site allocations that the Councils may wish to propose in the light of those recommendations. In that way, all the necessary consultation to enable Stage 2 to proceed will have been carried out. A further round of public consultation can then be held, after the Stage 2 hearings, on the other proposed main modifications that arise from consideration of the Stage 2 matters.

Please contact the Programme Officer if you would like any further clarification of the points in this letter. I look forward to continuing to work with you to take the examination forward to Stage 2.

Yours sincerely

Roger Clews

Inspector

¹ That is to say, the recommendations contained in my Interim Conclusions of 28 October 2013 and my Further Interim Conclusions of 31 March 2014.