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Dear Mr Clews

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**EXAMINATION OF SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
INSPECTOR'S FURTHER INTERIM CONCLUSIONS FOLLOWING THE RECONVENED
STAGE 1 HEARINGS**

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2014 and the accompanying Further Interim Conclusions FICs on the outstanding Stage 1 Matters. We acknowledge and appreciate their speedy turnaround. We can confirm that both the South Worcestershire Leaders and Joint Advisory Panel have now considered your letter and the FICs and are pleased to be able to confirm that we wish to move forward on the basis of their recommendations. The South Worcestershire Councils are now proceeding as quickly as possible with the preparatory work required for the next stage of the examination whilst endeavouring to ensure that the resultant plan is sound and the process legally compliant.

In your letter of 31 March 2014 you requested that the Councils furnish you with a timetable and programme of work to enable progress to Stage 2 as early as possible. This is attached as Appendix 1 to this letter.

The attached timetable presupposes that it is the Inspector's preference that the SWCs identify, draft and seek approval of all potential main modifications by June this year for formal consultation in July and August, accepting that further main modifications consultation is likely to be required after Phase 2 of the Examination. Further, it presupposes that all consequential main modifications such as the South Worcestershire IDP can also be put in place on this timescale.

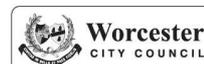
It would be helpful to obtain the Inspector's view as to whether he has a preference for all main modifications being approved for formal consultation over the summer, even if it transpires this were to have implications for the attached timetable, or whether it may be preferable to seek approval of the OAHN, proposed additions / changes to the housing supply and other related

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key policies for consultation purposes with other information being made available for Phase 2 on the basis that the SWCs would invite the Inspector to recommend further main modifications in their evidence to Phase 2 of the Examination.

Should you have any queries in respect of this letter please do not hesitate to contact me via the Programme Officer.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1

EXAMINATION OF SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SWC PROPOSED TIMETABLE AND WORK PLAN CONSEQUENT TO THE INSPECTOR'S FURTHER INTERIM CONCLUSIONS (FIC) FOLLOWING THE RECONVENED STAGE 1 HEARING

	Activity	Output	Period
1	Assessment of additional sites (to include objection sites, sites arising from March 2014 call for sites, etc).	A set of sites which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the requirements of the SWDP strategy; • Satisfy the SHLAA criteria ; • Have been subjected to the necessary assessments (SA/SEA, FRA, Viability and transport) • Fulfil the Objectively Assessed Housing Need requirement recommendation. 	Until end May 2014
2	Update the schedule of proposed modifications to incorporate all FIC recommendations and site requirements	A refreshed / updated set of proposed modifications for agreement by the Inspector for consideration by the Council meetings (see line 3)	By end May 2014
3	Meetings of the three full Councils to approve proposed modifications to the SWDP (including housing requirement, additional sites and other modifications)	Democratic approval of proposed modifications and assent to move to immediate public consultation.	Around end of June 2014
4	Public-focussed consultation for six weeks on those modifications proposed above (point 3).	SCI compliant consultation.	Early July – mid August 2014
5	Collation of consultation responses and preparation of summary report	To provide focused consultation results for fast and effective consideration by the Inspector	By Mid-September.