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Dear Mark,

HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CORE STRATEGY: FINAL REPORT

Thank you for your letter of 4th December 2012, providing your comments in response to the fact check of the Inspector's report on the Council's Core Strategy.

The Inspector's response to the Council's bullet points is as follows:

1. The Plan reference number has been corrected.
2. References in paragraphs 4 and 90 (there are none in para 9) to 'go to soundness' have been amended to meet the Council's request.
3. The basis of the official household projections is well-understood and I do not consider that it is necessary to add the suggested footnote.
4. I have decided that the most appropriate response is to delete the sentence in its entirety.
5. Paragraph 39 should refer to Policy LA1. This has been corrected.
6. Reference to £2.25M corrected.
7. Reference inserted as requested re other high-value areas.

I therefore enclose your final report.

Clearly it is now for the Council to adopt the Document at its discretion. The Inspectorate maintains a national database of Local Plans progress on the Planning Portal (and a submissions database) and we would be grateful if you can advise the Plans Team when you adopt in order that your plan status can be updated.

The Council should consider whether adoption could have any effect on appeals currently being considered by the Planning Inspectorate. As you know, appeals must be determined on the basis of the development plan as it exists at the time of the Inspector's (or the Secretary of State's) decision, not as it was at the time of the Council's decision. If adoption changes the policy position, the relevant

Inspector(s) will need to take that into account. In addition, please ensure that your new policy position is clearly explained when submitting your Questionnaire in relation to future appeals received after adoption.

If the above circumstances apply, it would be very helpful if the Council could contact the relevant Case Officer(s) in the Planning Inspectorate dealing with any outstanding case(s) at the time of adoption.

Yours sincerely

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