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Dear Mr Bridgewater

EXAMINATION OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON LOCAL PLAN PART 2 (HLPP2): POST HEARING ADVICE NOTE

I write in response to your Post Hearing Advice Note sent to the London Borough of Hillingdon in November 2018. We very much appreciate the extension of the initial deadline for responding, and apologise for the further minor delay.

We have now had an opportunity to consider the further potential main modifications proposed in your note and would like to respond as follows to the matters raised.

Heathrow

The London Borough of Hillingdon understands the requirement for the HLPP2 to be consistent with national planning policy including the Airports National Policy Statement ("the NPS"). The Council therefore accepts your requirement for further potential main modifications on this matter to ensure that the HLPP2 meets the tests of soundness. However, you should be aware that the Council with other local authorities and the London Mayor has issued judicial proceedings in the High Court to quash the NPS (case reference CO/3089/2018) and these proceedings will be heard in the High Court from 11 March 2019 for 10 days. The Council's acceptance of further potential main modifications is therefore strictly without prejudice to the Council's judicial review proceedings to quash the NPS.

We would also like to seek clarification that if in the event the NPS was to be quashed, the effect of the proposed modifications would not be reversible without a formal review, and

that specifically the office and hotel growth location allocations and Locally Significant Employment Locations (LSEL) designations on Bath Road would remain deleted from the HLPP2. Finally, to ensure consistency, we would be grateful for confirmation that no other designations within the area identified in the NPS for Heathrow expansion should be removed.

As indicated above, we have drafted main modifications to address the changes requested in your advice note and subsequent email. The key additional changes are to Policy DMAV 2 Heathrow Airport (MM29), Policy DME 5 Hotels and Visitor Accommodation (MM4), Policy SEA 2 Hotel, Locally Significant Employment Locations (MM62), Office Growth Locations (MM63) and the Policies Map which are set out in the enclosed revised Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications.

Green Belt

The further modification to the proposed Green Belt deletion at Lake Farm School, Hayes is agreed and the Council has prepared two options for the main modification to reflect this amendment and would welcome your comments on the most appropriate (MM64A and MM64B). The first option is drawn close to the school building and the second follows the fence line surrounding the school.

Moving Forward

Officers have updated the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the HLPP2 to incorporate the further modifications proposed in your advice note. We have also amended the structure of the schedule for clarity as requested. The revised schedule is submitted along with this letter for your consideration.

Further work is still required to ensure that the Policies Map is fully updated to reflect the proposed main modifications and to review the sustainability appraisal supporting the HLPP2. These can be provided for your consideration once complete. The Council also notes the guidance on consulting on the proposed main modifications and updated sustainability appraisal.

With regards to a proposed timetable for consulting on the proposed main modifications to the HLPP2, the Council's preferred dates for this consultation would be Wednesday 27th March 2019 to Wednesday 8th May 2019. This will ensure sufficient time is available for us to prepare all of the documents required to support the consultation.

I hope this response addresses all of the matters raised in your advice note however, please do not hesitate to contact me if any further information is required.

We look forward to receiving your comments on the revised schedule.

Yours sincerely

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