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Dear Sir /Madam

Proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan Part 2

L&G has engaged through the plan making process to promote land at Long Lane Farm, Ickenham for development to meet Hillingdon's significant housing and educational needs.

The site covers an area of over 200 acres and is in currently designated Green Belt. The site is surrounded by development on all sides and is intensively farmed. The site is not of high ecological value and the Council, in our opinion, has incorrectly extended the ecological designation for the site.

Under the new London Plan, LB Hillingdon's housing target is due to increase from 559 dpa to 1,553 dpa (a 278% increase). The proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan also identify the need for a new Secondary School in the borough to the north of the A40 (MM73).

Looking at the Green Belt afresh, as will be required following the adoption of the new London Plan (due later this year), the site would be best served as an opportunity to establish a more coherent Green Belt boundary, relative to the existing surrounding development, and at the same time make a significant contribute towards the delivery of housing, educational needs and publicly accessible green space.

Main modifications

Without prejudice to L&G's unresolved objection to the designation of its site, please find enclosed completed representation forms in response to the following proposed Main Modifications:

- MM17 Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement which has been amended to reflect NPPF wording and L&G support;
- MM26 Development of New Education Floorspace, which L&G support; and
- MM73 Community Infrastructure Sites, which L&G support as it confirms the requirement for further secondary educational facilities north of the A40. L&G's site at Long Lanes Farm could meet this identified need.

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We trust the above and enclosed are clear and assist the Council and Inspector. We look forward to hearing from you on the timescales for the next stages of the DMP preparation.



Enc. Completed representation forms MM17 MM26 and MM73