

Tewkesbury Borough Plan Examination

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Dear Ms Ford

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH PLAN (TBP)

I am writing to confirm my closing remarks at the end of the hearing sessions on 18 March.

Whilst the duty to co-operate during the preparation of the plan has been met, there are a number of soundness matters that I need to consider carefully before writing to the Council to advise the next steps. This will follow the necessary site visits which I hope to complete after lockdown in mid to late April.

It would be helpful if the Council could now revise its suggested 'Schedule of Changes to the Pre-Submission Plan' and the tracked change version of the TBP (documents CD011A and CD011B) to take account of the discussion at the hearings, statements of common ground with various parties, factual updating etc. This can be submitted when ready. A list and set of plans showing proposed changes to the Policies Map will also be necessary in due course. As you will appreciate, I am not bound by any agreements reached in the SOCGs or any amendments suggested by the Council but they will be taken fully into account.

It would also be helpful to have the Council's revised list of carried forward and proposed employment sites. There seem to be some differences in the site areas between the various lists and the figures in Policies EMP1 and EMP2 and I would be grateful if these could be clarified.

Can I take this opportunity to thank Mr Jameson, Ms Symons, Ms Millman, and all the other Council officers and consultants who clearly explained the context, policies and thinking behind the TBP, also the other staff involved in IT and other support roles. I would also like to thank all the other participants for their invaluable contribution to the hearing discussions and my understanding of the plan. Finally, I would like to thank Ian Kemp, the programme officer, for his sterling assistance throughout the process to date.

Yours sincerely

David Reed

INSPECTOR