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FAO Susan Heywood  
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Dear Ms Heywood,

### Main Modifications Consultation and next steps

The Council underwent a public consultation exercise into the proposed Main Modifications and Additional Modifications Schedules between 21 June and 16 August 2013. There were 14 representations received to the Main Modifications Consultation, three representations received to the Additional Consultation Schedule and six representations received that did not relate to either set of Modifications.

The Council has included a copy of all representations received to the Main Modifications Schedule, a copy of the other representations received, a summary of the representations and the Council's response, for your information. All representations received to the Additional Modifications schedule will be considered by the authority only.

The Council has responded to all of the comments received and now awaits your interpretation and the next stages for the production of the Site Allocations DPD. You will be aware that we currently have two scheduled hearing dates for the 26 and 27 September 2013 and we would be grateful to know if these are still required or if we can proceed to the next stage.

Your previous communication related to the provision of an interim report into your findings on the Site Allocations DPD, due after the Modifications consultation had ended. As you are aware the authority is disappointed with the approach taken by the Inspectorate to delay adoption of the Site Allocations DPD until updated evidence is received on the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessments (GTAA). The Council has requested that we proceed with the Site Allocations DPD to adoption and assess the issue of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation through a separate DPD. However this option has been denied.

The authority now requests that the interim report is available as soon as practicable and in any event that it be available at the latest by the end of September 2013. This would allow the interim report to be considered by our Members at Cabinet Workshop in Mid-October and Cabinet on 6 November where subject to its content, Members can endorse the findings which will give the authority certainty in its Local Plan process. We would appreciate your efforts on this matter.

If you have any further questions or require any further information please contact me and I would be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Hockenhill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small comma at the end.

Helen Hockenhill  
Planning Manager