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Dear Miss Graham and Mr Wood

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Examination: Update on Schedule of Work

In our letter of 23 September 2016 (RD/GEN/340), South Cambridgeshire District Council provided a schedule of work being undertaken, relevant committee dates, and the target dates for submission of work to the Inspectors.

A number of strands of this additional work are now complete, and the results are being submitted to the Examination. In addition, an update is provided on the Cambourne West Planning application.

Proposed Modifications Agreed by Council on 17 November 2016

The Schedule of Work indicated a number of items which would be considered by the South Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Portfolio Holder on 8 November 2016, and subsequently Full Council on 17 November 2016, including:

- New Settlements
- Land South of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus
- Gypsies and Travellers (including The Cambridgeshire, King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Peterborough and West Suffolk Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2016)
- Greater Cambridge City Deal – Monitoring 1,000 additional homes on rural exception sites
- Proposed Modifications arising from Hearing Statements (Matters SC5b and SC8)

A Local Plan Update report was considered by the Planning Policy Portfolio Holder on 8 November 2016 (RD/CR/660) and subsequently by Council on 17 November 2016 (RD/CR/670). As a result, the Council is recommending a number of Proposed Modifications to the South Cambridgeshire Submission Local Plan, identified in - *Schedule of Further Proposed*

Modifications to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan November 2016 (RD/FM/010). This is accompanied by a number of additional evidence base documents, which have been added to the Reference Document Library.

Strategic policies for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning

The Council is required to identify strategic policies in the Local Plan for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning. A report was considered by the Planning Portfolio Holder at the meeting on 18 November 2014 (RD/CR/700).

The Council is proposing further modifications to the Submitted Local Plan, to include a new appendix to the Plan identifying the policies that are strategic for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

It is also proposed to modify Policy S/7 Development Frameworks, to reflect that neighbourhood plans may allocate sites outside development frameworks and allow this to occur whilst remaining broadly consistent with the Local Plan.

The Strategic Policies and proposed modification are identified in a new Reference Document – *South Cambridgeshire Local Plan – Consideration of Strategic Policies for the Purposes of Neighbourhood Planning (RD/Strat/500).*

Cambourne West Planning Application - Update

A planning application for the omission site at Cambourne West that is larger than the allocation in the submitted Local Plan is currently being considered by the Council. The planning application for Cambourne West is now scheduled to be considered by Planning Committee on 11 January 2017. An update to the Examination will be provided on the outcome.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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