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Dear Mr Bridgwater,

### **Spelthorne Local Plan Examination**

Following my letter dated 25 October 2024, I am writing to provide you with some updated documents and information regarding the Spelthorne Local Plan which I trust will be helpful to both you and those involved in the Local Plan Examination.

- CD004a: Sustainability Appraisal Addendum December 2024
- CD014a: Duty to Cooperate Statement of Compliance Draft Addendum December 2024
- CD025a: Site Allocations Statements of Common Ground 2024 Update – Site Allocations Years 1-5
- CD026: Local Development Scheme – approved 3 December 2024
- CD028: Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 2024 (published 9 Dec 2024)
- CD029 Schedule of Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications 2024 Version – 11 Dec 2024
- ED(CD)018: MM72(24): Revised policy E3: Flooding (sent 25 Oct 2024)
- ED(CD)019: MM12(24): Wording of a proposed main modification for new policy on “ST3: Local Plan Early Review”.
- ED(CD)020 Proposed Modifications to the Local Plan (Tracked Change Version) - 11 Dec 2024
- HOU012: Housing Trajectory – 6 Dec 2024
- TOP006a: Topic paper 6a: Housing Delivery 2024 update
- TOP008: Topic paper 8: Spelthorne Local Plan: Progress Since the 2023 Examination Pause
- TOP009: Topic paper 9: Flooding
- TOP010: Topic paper 10: Local Plan Early review
- NOE001: Note on Oakleaf Farm, a waste site allocated in the Surrey CC Waste and Minerals Plan
- Spelthorne Strategic Sequential and Exception Test – Dec 2024 - DRAFT

As soon as they are available the Council will provide you with the following document.

- INF001a: Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2024) Update

- CD002a: Pre-submission Spelthorne Local Plan 2022 – 2037 – Policies Map (Dec 2024 update)

Following your request during the May 2023 Hearing sessions the Council sent a copy of an updated Housing Trajectory to Mark Behrendt of the Homes Builders Federation on 12 November 2024. At the hearings he agreed to disseminate information to others involved in the Local Plan Examination to work towards a Statement of Common ground with the Council. Officers met with Mr Behrendt and others on 9 December to update them on the Local Plan and draw their attention to Cllr Beecher's letters to the Inspector, the newly published Local Development Scheme and hear their initial thoughts on the Housing Trajectory update. Officers assured those attending that they would be kept updated as soon as information was sent to you and published on the website.

Spelthorne Council fully recognises that modification of the Local Plan at this stage rests with yourself as Inspector and that we are simply requesting that you give consideration to the modifications proposed. We would be happy to provide you with any further information or evidence to enable you to decide whether these modifications can be accepted and discussed further through the hearing sessions once the examination resumes.

We would be grateful if you could let me know how you would like to take things forward at your earliest convenience. We wish to offer our continued assurance that Spelthorne wishes to have a Local Plan in place at the earliest opportunity and very much hope you will agree to resume the examination hearings shortly.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Malcolm Beecher  
Chair of Environment & Sustainability Committee