

Daniel Charles Mouawad
Chief Executive
Spelthorne Borough Council
(by email)

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Dear Mr Mouawad,

Spelthorne Local Plan Examination

I refer to your letter dated 15 September 2023 on behalf of the Council seeking an extension to the pause in the Spelthorne Local Plan Examination timetable until the proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework have been published (expected Autumn 2023).

Having carefully considered the Council's request and having regard to the Minister's letter dated 14 September 2023¹, I agree that an extension to the pause in the examination timetable would be reasonable and consistent with the approach taken in other current plan examinations². Notwithstanding this, I would request that the Council continues to address the issues that I identified in the first week of the hearings, in particular flood risk and its potential implications in relation to the site allocation and delivery strategy of the plan.

In the meantime, it is important that your Strategic Planning Team keep me fully updated of the Council's progress in addressing the outstanding matters I have identified through the Programme Officer.

Yours sincerely,

Jameson Bridgwater

Inspector

¹ Letter from Rachel Maclean MP - Minister of State for Housing and Planning to Councillor Joanne Sexton - Leader of Spelthorne Borough Council – 14 September 2023

² Mole Valley and Solihull