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Dear Mr Tracey

Examination of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan Consultation on Main Modifications - Hawkesbury

Thank you for your letter of 4 October 2018 and the Inspector apologises for his slight delay in dealing with this matter. The Inspector wishes to relay the following points in response to the issues raised in your letter.

The Plan remains in examination. The current consultation is only on the proposed main modifications and these potential changes are put forward without prejudice to the Inspector's final conclusions on the Plan.

The Inspector will be carefully considering all representations made on the proposed main modifications.

The Inspector will not contemplate recommending a main modification unless any party whose interests might be prejudiced has had fair opportunity to comment on it. In this regard, the general expectation is that issues raised on the consultation of the draft main modifications will be considered by way of written correspondence. However, in exceptional circumstances, further hearing sessions can be scheduled¹. The addition of a new site such as Hawkesbury, relatively late in the examination process, is likely to be one such circumstance where an additional hearing session would be necessary to enable the Inspector to reach a final view on soundness and for the purposes of natural justice.

The Inspector will await receipt of written submissions on the main modifications before liaising with the Council on the next steps. In the event that there are objections to the proposed Hawkesbury site, a further hearing session would be arranged and appropriate notifications as to its date and time made. The Inspector will determine who he wishes to hear from in terms of assisting his assessment of the evidence before him.

¹ Planning Inspectorate, Procedural Practice in the Examination of Local Plans (2016), Paragraph 5.27.

I trust this letter responds appropriately to your request.

Yours sincerely

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