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Dear Mr Dalvi,

Managing Development Local Plan

As you know, I was appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out an independent examination of the Managing Development Local Plan, which was submitted on 18 May 2012, pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. I conducted the examinations by way of written exchanges, site visits and hearings held between 18 and 21 September 2012.

The report contains my recommendation that the submitted version of the Plan has a number of deficiencies related to soundness and should not be adopted. However, the Council has requested me to recommend modifications to make the Plan sound and capable of adoption, which I have listed in the Appendix. These would satisfy the requirements of Section 20(5) of the 2004 Act and meet the criteria for soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework. None of the modifications alters the main thrust of the Council's policies or proposals.

In coming to conclusions on the soundness of the document I have had regard to the representations made on the proposed modifications in the 6 weeks following publication, in accordance with regulation 27 of the 2008 regulations, along with the written submissions, oral contributions made during the hearings and other representations made on the submitted document.

I thank all the representatives of the Council for the professional way in which they carried out their roles in the examination, as well as all other participants for their positive engagement with the process. In particular, I also wish to thank Claire Jones-Hughes, the Programme Officer. Her efforts helped to ensure that the examination ran smoothly in nearly all respects, despite a last minute change of venue by the Council, and in a good spirit throughout.

Yours sincerely,
Nigel Payne
Inspector



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