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Dear Angela

Canterbury District Local Plan – 2014 based population and household projections

Further to your email of 14th July 2016, I am pleased to provide a short comment on behalf of Somerlee Homes Ltd and ED (Sturry) Ltd, with regard to the implications of the latest 2014 based population and household projections, as requested by the Inspector.

We note that the population and household projections imply an increase in the likely housing requirement for Canterbury District, over the plan period to 2031. We note the view of Canterbury City Council in their commentary on this matter dated 14th June 2016 that carrying out a detailed analysis of the implications of the latest projections would inevitably delay progress with the Local Plan. This would inevitably delay progress with the Local Plan itself.

We do not feel that it would be helpful to delay the Local Plan; this could delay the progression of the key strategic sites, making it more difficult for the Canterbury District to achieve the existing objectively assessed need figure, as amended by the Inspector; this would clearly be counter-productive.

In the light of this, we agree with the City Council that any concerns about future housing need being greater than that presently allowed for can best be addressed by requiring an early review of the Local Plan; we agree that this could be reflected on the face of the Local Plan as a modification.

I can also confirm that, if the Inspector decides to hold a further Hearing into these matters, we would wish him to give consideration to our being heard, in the context of our role as Joint Promoters of the Strategic Site at Sturry/Broad Oak.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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