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Programme Officer

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Dear Ms Wilson

RE: DRAFT MATTERS, ISSUES & QUESTIONS PAPER

Thank you for inviting us to comment. I write on behalf of my client, bdht. As a Registered Provider acting as a preferred partner in both Bromsgrove and Redditch, one of bdht's fundamental objectives is to provide new affordable homes with a focus on meeting the respective areas' housing needs.

With that in mind, we have raised concerns about the affordable housing policies in both Local Plans. We are happy with the draft questions set out at B2.3 and R2.3 but, with reference to your separate Draft Hearings Programme, we feel it appropriate that they should be addressed at a separate hearing session solely on affordable housing, rather than have them considered as part of the generic housing session.

In our experience it is normal practice to have affordable housing considered as a separate matter, for the practical reason that it tends to demand a day of examination time. We certainly think that this will be the case for the Bromsgrove & Redditch examination.

We trust the Inspector will take my request into account when refining the paper.

Yours sincerely

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