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5<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Dear Mr Hetherington,

Redditch Borough Council wrote to you on 7th October indicating that further work on site selection methodology and Sustainability Appraisal would be submitted by the prescribed deadline. This was undertaken in response to your Post Hearing Note dated 3rd October 2014.

I have pleasure in submitting this further work in the form of the following submissions:

### **CDR 18.23 Redditch Sustainability Appraisal Refresh (November 2014)**

The document is now explicit in its reasoning to explain why some sites are selected and some are not. This has been done so that all of the necessary appraisals are clear and in one place. In addition the conclusions of this study have been amended for clarity.

For the avoidance of doubt, an assessment of all Redditch Strategic Sites and all 20 sites (Housing Growth Development Study) irrespective of their location within Redditch or outside of Redditch have been considered within the update.

Additional Area Appraisals for Area 3 (to include Webheath Strategic Site) and Area 18 (to include the whole of the A435 corridor) on a comparable basis with other options has been undertaken.

CDR18.23 Redditch Sustainability Appraisal has been refreshed to include the following updates:

- Minor additions for clarity to the Table 3 Mitigation Measures to add reference to cross boundary sites;
- Additions of three alternative options to Appendix A Settlement Hierarchy analysis so that all options raised for this Policy are assessed in one place;
- Updates Appendix A Strategic Sites appraisal so that all options for the Strategic Sites are assessed in one place on a consistent basis;

- Amended Appendix B commentaries where more information is known about cross boundary effects;
- Refresh to Appendix C with a new site assessment for all potential development locations both within and outside Redditch, with consistent methodology and all potential sites assessed in one place; and
- Minor changes to context, introduction, conclusions and statements to reflect the addition of cross boundary site selection appraisal featuring more intensively in the Redditch Sustainability Appraisal.

### **CDX 1.47 Addendum to the Housing Growth Development Study and the Housing Growth Sustainability Appraisal**

This study has been updated to ensure the previously discounted areas have been assessed to the same level as the existing areas within the study.

It is considered that the work undertaken now provides a comprehensive assessment to the satisfaction of the Inspector and resolves the matters raised during the Redditch hearing sessions.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Baker', written in a cursive style.

Emma Baker

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