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Subject: RE: Bromsgrove District Local Plan & Redditch Local Plan Examinations

Dear Helen,

**Environment Agency involvement in forthcoming hearing sessions &**

**Comments on Draft Matters, Issues and Questions Paper**

Many thanks for your email dated 2 May 2014. We are also in receipt of your earlier email attaching guidance notes in relation to the forthcoming hearing sessions.

With regard to the initial hearing sessions scheduled for 16-17 June 2014, I can confirm that we do not wish to attend these dates as the matters to be addressed are not relevant to our involvement in the BDP and BORLP.

With regard to the draft matters, issues and questions paper, we are of the view that the issues set out in our representations to the plans have been duly covered. We do not therefore wish to make any comments on the paper.

We would however like to advise at this stage that we have a meeting scheduled with the Councils on 13 June 2014 to establish common ground in respect of the soundness objections made in our representations to the BDP and BORLP. Since making our representations on 11 November 2013 we have been engaged in productive discussions with the two Councils and with Severn Trent Water and we believe that our objections can be addressed through amendments being made to policies BDP5A, RCBD1.1 and BDP17 of the BDP.

We will however be providing a pre-hearing statement to this effect in due course (prior to the main body of the hearings). This should also help to inform the requirement for our involvement in the hearing sessions. It is however considered at this stage that our involvement in the examination is likely to be focused on matters B4 and B5.

I hope this is of assistance.

Regards

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