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Dear

**Breckland Local Plan and Policies Maps - The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
Notification of public consultation on Main Modifications to the Breckland Local Plan
18th February 2019 and 5pm 1st April 2019**

The new Local Plan is currently subject to independent examination by the Planning Inspector Jonathan Manning BSc (Hons) MA MRTPI, who will determine whether the plan is sound and legally compliant. The Inspector has reviewed written representations and explored Matters and Issues through a series of public hearing sessions held last year. As a result, the Inspector has proposed amendments to the plan, known as Main Modifications. Main Modifications materially alter the Plan or its policies and can only be recommended by the Inspector to resolve problems that would otherwise make the submitted Plan unsound or not legally compliant.

The public hearings part of the examination into the soundness of the above development plan document was completed on 20th September 2018. Following this the Independent Examining Inspector, Mr Jonathan Manning, has requested that the proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan be publicised so that interested parties can express their views on these changes. This consultation only relates to modifications to the plan and therefore comments will only be accepted if they relate to the proposed modifications to the Breckland Local Plan.

The Council have published a number of documents to support the consultation:

- (A) Breckland Local Plan Schedule of Main Modifications (Doc Ref: EX.123);
- (B) Breckland Local Plan Schedule of Minor Modifications (Doc Ref: EX.124);
- (C) Breckland Local Plan Examination Version (Doc Ref: EX.125);
- (D) Policies Maps subject to change (Doc Ref: EX.126 A-Z);
- (E) Breckland Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Main Modifications Report (Doc Ref: EX.127 Appendices A - E);
- (F) Breckland Local Plan Main Modifications Habitats Regulation Assessment (Doc Ref: EX.128);

An explanation of all the above documents as well as other frequently asked questions can be found on the Councils website

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/localplanexaminationlibrary/MajorModificationsConsultation> – Guidance Note and Frequently Asked Questions (EX.122).

The documents referred to above may be viewed on the Council's web site breckland.gov.uk or at the Councils main office: Breckland Council, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1EE. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Programme Officer (email preferred: programme.officer@breckland.gov.uk or Tel: 01362 656296.

Representations should be submitted using the Councils online representation portal where possible, which can be found here: <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/consultations>.

If you don't have access to a computer, representations can be made using the consultation response form provided by the Council. Please contact the Programme Officer or visit the Councils main office in Dereham for paper forms.

Representations should be made between **18th February 2019** and by **5pm on 1st April 2019**. Representations received after this date will not be accepted.

Yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C Brennan".

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