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Dear

Examination of the Breckland District Local Plan (2011 – 2036) (the Plan)

Further to my previous correspondence, it is necessary to write to you again with a revised Guidance Note and Draft Hearing Programme. Due to the database problems that you were previously made aware of, it has now become clear that some parties who had made representations during the pre-submission consultation (held from 21 August 2017 to 2 October 2017) had not been contacted about the examination. As a result, to allow all parties a fair timeframe to provide written statements before the hearing sessions, it is necessary to change the date for the submission of written statements and subsequently the start of the examination. I apologise sincerely for any confusion or inconvenience that this has caused.

The Inspector will conduct a series of hearing sessions to which those who made representations during the pre-submission consultation (held from 21 August 2017 to 2 October 2017) seeking changes to the Local Plan may attend to discuss their concerns with the Inspector. The hearing sessions (which are part of the examination) will now start on Tuesday 17th April 2018 and are anticipated to last for 12 days. They will be held at the Council's Offices in the Committee Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1EE.

The Inspector has drawn up a Guidance Note for the examination, a draft Hearing Programme and a schedule of Matters & Issues for considerations. These documents are attached and you are asked to give them your early attention before providing me with your response as follows:-

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If you indicated in your representation that you wish to take part in the hearing sessions, either for yourself or on behalf of another interested person or organisation, please let me know **by Monday 26th March 2018**, whether you still wish to do so and at the same time confirm on which issue or issues on the provisional list you consider that you should take part.

If you indicated in your representation that you did not wish to take part in the hearing sessions or you were unsure about it, you may still attend, but please advise me, also **by Monday 26th March 2018** if you wish to do so and, again confirm on which issue or issues on the provisional list you consider that you wish to take part. Should I not hear from you by the above date, it will be assumed that you do not wish to participate in any of the hearing sessions but please be assured that the Inspector will take your original written representation into account.

If you have already done so, there is no need to contact me again.

Please bear in mind that the written representations already made or written statements provided in response to the Inspector's Matters and & Issues are accorded equal weight to those made orally during the hearing sessions, which are held only on matters where the Inspector considers further discussion would help his assessment of the Local Plan.

Once I have collated all the replies to this invitation, I will draw up a firm programme for the hearing sessions, including schedules of participants. It is hoped that this will be issued by Tuesday 10th April 2018 and may be followed by more detailed session agendas close to the dates of the hearing sessions, if the Inspector considers they are necessary.

If you wish to keep up-to-date with what is happening, please go to the examination website at: <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/localplanexamination>. Copies of all submission documents together with the Examination library are also available to download from the website.

Reference copies of all documents and supporting evidence submitted to the Secretary of State are available to view during normal office hours (by appointment) at the Breckland District Council, Examination Office, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1EE. Please use my contact details to contact me to arrange an appointment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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