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Dear Ms Housden,

### **Barnsley Local Plan – Follow up items**

Thank you for your letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017. I respond below to your points in turn.

#### **1 & 2 Update to Local Development Scheme and Section 20(7C) request to Inspector to recommend main modifications**

Approval from Cabinet was given on 5<sup>th</sup> April for the Local Plan update report to be considered by Full Council on 25<sup>th</sup> May. The 19<sup>th</sup> May meeting is the Annual Council, therefore the Local Plan will be considered at the following Full Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. If no hearings are programmed for the reserve session on the 25<sup>th</sup> I will provide a written update on the decision which will cover both the LDS update and the request to recommend main modifications.

#### **3 Format of List of minor modifications (SD30)**

Re-formatting of this document is underway and a revised version will be sent to you by the end of April. In responding to your question 16 under Main Matter 1 in terms of its status, we will seek to clarify that it is a list of changes the Council wishes to make to the Local Plan following Publication Consultation and have arisen either to deal with comments made, to provide greater clarity or to ensure the Local Plan is as up to date as possible. We consider this list of proposed changes as those falling into the term 'Additional Changes' that we are able to make prior to adoption. It would be helpful to know if you consider any of the changes proposed to fall into the category of 'Main Modifications' as we propose to put those into a separate list.

#### **4 Format of policies**

We are currently considering the wording of policies in light of your comments, and any further proposed changes will be incorporated in the list of minor modifications (SD30) as set out above.



## **5 Examination structure**

We welcome the move to two stages of hearings. We hope that the examination hearings can be accommodated within the three weeks or as soon as possible thereafter, in early August. However if October is the earliest that further hearings could be arranged then we will accept your programme. Subject to the outcome of the examination, we are keen to progress the Local Plan to adoption at the earliest opportunity and we are mindful of the time this can take following hearings including allowing time for consultation and consideration of responses on main modifications.

Yours sincerely

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