Dear Sir or Madam,

TENDRING DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN 2017: BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL OBJECTIONS

I am writing on behalf of Basildon Borough Council in respect of its outstanding objections to the Tendring District Local Plan 2017, which Tendring District Council submitted to the Secretary of State on 9 October 2017.

As was explained at the meeting on 20 September 2017 held jointly with officer representatives of Braintree District, Colchester Borough, Tendring District and Chelmsford City, the Council was keen to work with you to resolve as many of its objections as possible, prior to Submission. It was certainly considered that the meeting had been productive and could result in a means to remove the objections, subject to written changes and the necessary evidence being made available to demonstrate compliance with soundness tests and the Duty to Cooperate.

Unmet Housing Needs – Soundness Objection

On 2 November 2017, the Infrastructure, Growth and Development Committee considered that its soundness objection (Ref LPPD16) in respects of unmet housing needs can be withdrawn, subject to the following Minor Modification being made to the Part 1 Local Plans of all three Local Planning Authorities, as agreed on 20 September 2017.

‘The Council will review housing numbers regularly in accordance with national policy requirements, and in doing so the Council will have regard to the housing needs of the wider area.’

Unmet Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs – Soundness Objections

In respects of Basildon Borough Council’s other objections in relation to the clarity of Policy LP9 and the Council’s request on 25 July 2017 for assistance in meeting unmet needs arising from Basildon Borough. The Council has not seen any modifications at this time which could resolve its objections and therefore it intends to maintain this objection and represent its views at the Examination in Public.
If you wish to engage any further with Basildon Borough Council on these matters please contact Amanda Parrott (email: Amanda.parrott@basildon.gov.uk) or Matthew Winslow (matthew.winslow@basildon.gov.uk) to make arrangements.

You will note that I have cc’d the letter into the Examination in Public’s Programme Officer, so that she can bring this latest correspondence to your Inspector’s attention.

Yours Sincerely,

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