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Dear Bart Bartkowiak,

Re: Submission of Epping Forest District Local Plan to Secretary of State

Following the outcome of the Judicial Review (see Court Order dated 29 June 2018 and the complainants subsequent application for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal which was refused on 12 September 2018 – copies enclosed), I am pleased to say that we are now in a position to submit the Local Plan for examination. Please find enclosed documentation constituting the submission of the Council's Local Plan.

In accordance with regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) regulations 2012 (2) (amended January 2018) the attached list (EB130) sets out the documents and evidence submitted and included on a memory stick.

Two paper copies of the Epping Forest District Local Plan Submission Version 2017, Appendix 6 Site Specific Requirements together with the amendment sheet, and the Submission Policies map are provided. All documents and evidence relevant to the preparation of the Local Plan are available on the Council's website.

There are a number of notes for clarification.

1. The Council has not considered at this stage any proposed changes to the Epping Forest District Local Plan Submission Version 2017 which was published for Regulation 19 representations between 18 December 2017 and 29 January 2018. The Council's view is that the Plan is sound; therefore any changes should be considered as part of the Examination process as any modifications proposed will then need to be subject to public consultation and Sustainability Appraisal. We are however aware of typographical and other minor errors and we have been keeping a list of these
2. Additionally a legal compliance checklist (EB124) is submitted with the plan together with an update note outlining the ongoing work (EB121) and the soundness self-assessment checklist (EB126)
3. The representations received by the Council to the Regulation 19 Publication are set out in the spreadsheets (EB120) provided and are sorted in respondent order and policy order. The spreadsheets are on the memory stick and the Council's website in Excel format so they can additionally be searched and filtered as appropriate. All respondents have an ID number and individual comments have been separately coded. A guidance note is provided to assist in

using the spreadsheets (EB120B). Information is provided in a column to indicate those that have expressed a wish to be heard under s20(6) of the Act. Where necessary, personal and sensitive information has been redacted from the representations in accordance with data protection requirements. Late representations (EB120D) are included separately as are supplementary representations (EB120C) to the Regulation 19 Publication

4. Included in the background documents are a number of background papers that were prepared for the Draft Local Plan consultation in 2016. An updated Green Belt Background Paper has also been prepared (EB1608) to show the proposed alterations to the Green Belt.
5. The appointed Programme Officer is Louise St John Howe. Her contact details are:

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6. The Council's would prefer for the hearings to commence in January 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter. We would estimate in the region of 9 days for the hearing but this is only an approximate estimate at this stage.

If the Inspector requires any other information or additional hard copies, we would be happy to provide those upon request.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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c.c. Derek Macnab, Acting Chief Executive, Epping Forest District Council

- Enc: List of Submission Documents (EB 130)
 The Local Plan (2011-2033) and amendment sheet December 2017 as agreed by Council
 Submission Policies Map (EB114)
 Court Order dated 29 June 2018 (EB127A)
 Court of Appeal Order dated 12 September 2018 (EB127C)
 Regulation 22 (1)(c) consultation statement setting out how the LPA has complied with regulations 18 and 19 (EB115)
 Duty to Cooperate – Statement of Compliance (EB119)
 Legal compliance checklist (EB124)
 Soundness self assessment checklist (EB126)
 Update note (EB121)