



## Dover District Local Plan

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Dear Inspectors Birkenshaw and Coyne

### **DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN – Sustainability Appraisal Non-Technical Summary**

Following the recent communication from the Planning Inspectorate informing the Council of your appointment as the planning inspectors for the examination of the Dover District Local Plan, I am writing to inform you of a matter that has come to our attention following the submission of the Plan for examination.

Firstly, to introduce myself, I am the lead officer responsible for the preparation of the Dover District Local Plan and will be leading the Council through the examination of the Plan, supported by Officers and other consultants. We look forward to engaging with you through this examination process.

Following submission of the Local Plan for examination it has come to our attention that the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment was not published for consultation during the Regulation 19 Representation period. This is not a matter that we are aware has been raised by a Regulation 20 representation. The NTS is attached is provided as Document SD03d.

In order to correct this omission, we can carry out a six-week consultation on the document, subject to your agreement. As part of this we could also, if considered necessary, consult upon the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum and Errata Note (SD03c) which was produced following the Regulation 19 consultation and submitted with the Plan.

I would be grateful for your early response on this matter, so that if considered necessary, the consultation can be carried out in good time prior to the hearing sessions commencing.

In addition, further to my letter submitting the Local Plan for examination, please find attached the Site Selection Topic Paper (Selection of Site Allocations Housing Sites Addendum), which is the first of the three additional documents which are being produced to support the examination process. This paper is an addendum to the Site Selection Paper produced at the Regulation 19 stage (Appendix D of the Sustainability Appraisal (SD03a)).

Yours sincerely,

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