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Dear David, All,

I am making good progress with the above examination and have nearly completed my assessment. However, some matters have arisen on which I would be grateful for your kind assistance and that of the Parish Council.

A number of queries of a factual nature or matters on which I seek further clarification or information have arisen during my review of the Neighbourhood Plan. Subject to the satisfactory resolution of these issues, I do not consider at this stage that a hearing will be needed, but this will depend on the information provided. It is not unusual at all for me to have a few queries or to ask for some further information so I'd like to reassure the Parish Council that this is quite 'normal'.

I would be most grateful if both Councils as appropriate would respond to these queries which are detailed in the attachment. I have sent you this in word format so that some of the answers may be easily added in to it if you so wish.

I would usually suggest a week or so to come back to me with the responses to maintain momentum with the examination. I hope this sounds acceptable?

It would be very helpful to me if all the answers could be collated together and that just one bundle of responses is sent to me by MKC.

This email, the attachment with the questions (and the responses to them) will be a matter of public record and should be placed on the appropriate websites.

With many thanks in anticipation of your kind assistance, and of course please do not hesitate to contact me if anything is not clear or if any queries arise.

Kind regards Ann

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North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan Examination

Questions of Clarification from the Examiner to the Parish Council and MKC

Having completed my initial assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan), I am writing to the Parish Council (PC) and Milton Keynes Council (MKC) to ask a number of questions of clarification.

Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment

1. Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) advises that in some limited circumstances, where a neighbourhood plan is likely to have significant environmental effects it may require a strategic environmental assessment (SEA).

In this case, a SEA Environmental Report (ER) has been submitted. The Basic Conditions Statement states that a screening exercise was carried out by MKC and this concluded a SEA would be needed. Please send me a copy of the screening document and any responses from the statutory consultees.

The ER also refers to a scoping stage. Please send me a copy of the scoping documents, including any responses from statutory consultees.

2. In relation to Habitats Regulations, an assessment must be made to see whether the Plan is likely to have a significant effect on a habitats site, either alone or in combination with other plans and projects.

If the conclusion is that a plan is likely to have a significant effect on a habitats site, then an appropriate assessment of the implications of the plan for the site must be undertaken.

The prescribed basic condition states: "The making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017." The relevant Regulations indicate that sufficient information must be provided to enable the competent authority (in this case MKC) to determine whether an appropriate assessment is required.

The only information I can find about habitats is a short statement in the Basic Conditions Statement that "The making of the Neighbourhood Plan will not have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site."

Please can sufficient information or earlier screening reports that support this statement be sent to me to help me assess whether the Plan meets the prescribed condition?

Engagement

3. Two periods of consultation have been carried out. The second included the SEA. Please could this sequence of events be clarified? Was the Plan significantly changed between the first and second periods of consultation?

Other queries

4. I have already asked, and received with thanks, a plan which shows the individual boundaries for sites H3, H4 and H5. I include this request here in the interests of completeness.
5. Please could MKC confirm the date of the Plan area designation?
6. For my information, please could a copy of the previous submission neighbourhood plan, the previous examiner's report and the referendum version of the plan be provided?

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With many thanks,

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