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Dear Ms Morgan,

STAFFORD STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT EXAMINATION – INSPECTOR'S REPORT

I am pleased to enclose two copies the final report prepared by Inspector Wendy Burden following the written representations examination to consider the soundness of the Stafford Statement of Community Involvement.

The Inspector has amended the report where necessary, in addition she had the following comments to make:

TEST 3

1. Para 4.4 states quite clearly that I support the first of the Council's proposed amendments which relates to a text box on page one, and that is the recommendation made under para 4.5.
2. There are two (duplicate) second pages in Appendix 8 of our version of the SCI, and the recommendation to take out any duplicate remains.

TEST 5

3. Para 6.3 states clearly that the Council's proposal to add a sentence to the end of paragraph 11.2 is not necessary, therefore there is no recommendation to make this change.

TEST 7



4. The recommendations set out clearly those proposed changes which are required to make the SCI sound.

TESTS 7 AND 9

5. The report has been amended accordingly.

TEST 8

6. The report has been amended accordingly.

TEST 9

7. The recommendation in the report states "Amend Appendix 10 (which will become Appendix 12) in accordance with the suggested changes document (Annexe B) subject to...". The final suggested change on page 10 of that document already proposes to amend the sub-heading of the penultimate text box. Therefore, no amendment to the report is necessary.
8. The recommendation in the report states "Amend Appendix 10 (which will become Appendix 12) in accordance with the suggested changes document (Annexe B) subject to...". The third suggested change on page 10 of that document already proposes to amend the sub-heading of the second text box so as to refer to "after validation of planning application". Therefore, no amendment to the report is necessary.
9. The report recommends that a new paragraph referring to public speaking should be inserted before the second paragraph 13.21, found on page 17 of the SCI. Therefore, it will immediately follow the bullet point list of fundamental considerations in the section "How do I comment on Planning Applications".
10. The report has been amended accordingly.

This report is now binding upon the Local Planning Authority and gives specific recommendations as to how the Statement of Community Involvement must be changed. I would be grateful if you could notify the Inspectorate beforehand of the date on which the Inspector's final report is to be published. I also welcome, in due course, 2 copies of the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

Yours sincerely,

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