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**Cc:** Jill Fisher  
**Subject:** Local Plan Examination and Omission Sites

Dear Councillor,

Further to my email and/or our telephone conversation of 28 August, please see below for further details on the status of omission sites and how the Inspector intends to deal with them.

'Omission sites' do not form part of the Local Plan and have no status at the Examination other than that they have been put forward by representors who wish them to be included in the Plan. Some of them may be the subject of current planning applications but this is a separate process and one in which this Inspector has no involvement. The representations on the Local Plan have all been made publically available on the Council's consultation portal since shortly after they were submitted in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively. Complete sets of the representations in hard copy have been made available in the Examination Library kept at the Civic Offices. The Inspector is required to consider these representations and, as part of his consideration, he has asked the Council to review the representations received and draw up a list of all the sites which have been put forward by representors. This list was published on the Examination website last week. The list is taken from the representations put forward on the Plan and, as such, does not present new information. To assist the Inspector, the Council has included a SHLAA reference and/or planning application reference where applicable. None of these sites is being recommended for inclusion by any party other than the representors themselves.

The session on 22 October has been set aside for the Inspector to hear the representations on 'omission sites' where those representors have requested to be heard. This will be a session in which representors will be given a limited amount of time (20-30 mins depending on numbers) to introduce their site(s) and explain why they feel the Plan is not 'sound' without their inclusion. The Inspector will not hear from those objecting to the 'omission sites' on 22 October as these sites have not been subject to public consultation as part of the Examination process. If, after careful consideration of all the representations made on the Plan as a whole, both verbally and in writing, the Inspector feels that further sites are required to make the Plan 'sound', he could ask the Council to select more sites. If new sites are put forward by the Council, these will have to undergo a full evaluation process including statutory public consultation. Such sites may or may not include 'omission sites' previously put forward by representors. Councillors will have the opportunity to comment on individual sites during the Council's evaluation process and there will be a further opportunity to comment during the statutory public consultation period. Local people will also be able to comment during the public consultation. It is at this point that the Inspector would consider any objections to sites being put forward. I must reiterate that at the current time, 'omission sites' are not part of the Local Plan so detailed discussion of such sites at the hearings would not be helpful to the Inspector. All objections to 'omission sites' will be given full and detailed consideration by the Inspector in the event that any of them are recommended for inclusion by the Council in the Plan at a later date.

I hope that this explanation clarifies the situation. I understand that you are concerned to ensure that the views of local people are represented and I can assure you that there will be a full opportunity for this to happen in the event that any of the 'omission sites' are recommended for inclusion in the Plan by the Council. Further information about the Local Plan Examination and links to the relevant regulations and guidance may be found on the Local Plan Examination website (see link below).

Kind regards,

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