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Dear Mrs Makant

Examination of the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Local Plan 2011-2029:

- (i) The Inspector's Initial Concerns**
- (ii) Notice of Exploratory Meeting**

Thank you for your letter dated 23rd October 2014, informing us of the Inspector's initial concerns regarding the draft Local Plan and inviting us to confirm whether we wish to attend and take part in the Exploratory Meeting to be held on Thursday 11th December 2012.

As you know, we represent Muse Developments Ltd, who are Development Partners to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for the regeneration of Basing View and the Inspector's list of Initial Issues enclosed with your letter to Adam Dodgshon dated 21st October 2014 raises issues in relation to the soundness of the draft Local Plan's provisions for Basing View which are of particular interest to our client (Item 6).

We note that the meeting is programmed to last no more than 6 hours and that the focus is almost exclusively on housing related issues. Having reviewed the list of invitees, we imagine that most, if not all, of the meeting will be taken up with these issues and we also note that the main purpose of the meeting is for the Inspector to raise the issues with the Local Planning Authority. In the circumstances, Muse Developments Ltd does not wish to detract from the main focus of the meeting or to intervene in the exchange between the two main parties, especially because it is broadly supportive of the draft Local Plan's provisions for Basing View and considers them to be both sound and consistent with the Development Partner's regeneration objectives.

Therefore, having discussed these matters with our client, we confirm that we do not wish to speak at the meeting.

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However, Muse Developments recognise that a sound Local Plan policy framework is of critical importance to the regeneration of Basing View and has set out its views in the enclosed letter to the Inspector, which we hope will provide the Inspector with helpful background information and a “developer’s perspective” on matters of soundness in relation to the draft Local Plan policies for Basing View.

If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lance Flannigan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lance Flannigan
Director