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(by email)

Dear Mr Stafford

Amber Valley Local Plan (Part 1 – The Core Strategy)

Thank you for your letter of 24 July updating me on the changed position concerning the Local Plan.

Without commenting upon the contents of the ‘revisions to the further proposed changes’ it is disappointing that the progress of the examination has been further delayed. I note that the revisions are to be published for comment for a period ending on 4 September and that the Council is due to consider the matter again on 16 September.

I also note that the joint further SA work with South Derbyshire has yet to be completed and published for consultation. Dates for this process need to be firmly established as soon as possible since the hearings sessions cannot be resumed until this has taken place.

Concerning the 4 lower paragraphs on p8. The joint letter from Ms Kingaby and myself dated 10 December referred to appeal ref 2199085 as the SoS’s model for adding the buffer to the sum of the 5-yr target and the shortfall. Although the Council refers to the Cheshire East decision ref 2209335 (Gresty Lane) where the SoS took a different approach, PINS is not aware of any other SoS decision in which the calculation was made in that way. The Cheshire East method is outside the SoS’s ‘normal’ approach. The model set out in 2199085 is therefore the one which should be followed.

The Council is clearly aware of the importance of establishing solid, reliable information to support its assumptions on the deliverability of sites counted within the 5-yr supply, and I note that an update on that position is to be put to the next Council meeting on 16 September.

Yours sincerely

Roy Foster

Inspector

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