

LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATIONS CAMBRIDGE CITY and SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

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Mrs S Saunders
Planning Policy Manager
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Dear Mrs Saunders and Mrs Hunt

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Examinations Cambridge City Local Plan and South Cambridgeshire District Local Plan

Following our recent correspondence we have given further consideration to the possibility of proceeding with the CIL examinations whilst the examinations of the Local Plans are suspended. However, given that the work that you are undertaking during the suspension *may* result in significant alterations to the overall strategies in the Plans, we are concerned that the evidence base upon which the charging schedules are to be examined could materially change.

As you are aware, the most recent CIL guidance makes it clear that the achievement of an appropriate balance in terms of the CIL charging regime must relate directly to the implementation of the Local Plan. Consequently, at the very least, the strategies in the Local Plans should have reached the stage whereby there is a very reasonable prospect that the key elements will be formally adopted. As there is currently uncertainty as to whether the strategies will remain in their present form following the outcome of the further work on the Plans, we consider that it would be inappropriate to proceed with the CIL examinations at this stage. To do so could result in abortive work and expense which would not be in anyone's interest.

We are preparing draft programmes in order to proceed as efficiently as possible at the resumption of the Local Plans examinations.

Sincerely,

Laura Graham
Alan Wood

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