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Charnwood Borough Council

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Dear Mr Bennett,

Examination of Charnwood Local Plan: Core Strategy

1. Following the close of the hearing sessions on 16 January 2015 and the Council's request for me to recommend modifications to address matters of soundness, I am now able to confirm the way forward for the examination.
2. As set out in my letter of 1 April 2014 following the initial hearing sessions, I am satisfied that the Council has complied with the duty to co-operate in the preparation of the Core Strategy. Whilst I have concluded that the submitted Core Strategy is not sound in a number of respects, I consider that it can be made sound through main modifications.
3. I can confirm therefore that I will be liaising with the Council via the Programme Officer in order to produce a series of main modifications. These will need to be subject to sustainability appraisal and full public consultation for a period of at least six weeks. You confirmed at the closing session for the hearings that the Council will be able to facilitate this process.
4. I will take account of comments received on the main modifications, along with the additional sustainability appraisal before finalising my report. The Programme Officer will discuss detailed arrangements for publication and consultation on the main modifications and I will then be in a position to indicate the likely date for submitting my report to the Council. A copy of this letter should be added to the examination library.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Ward

INSPECTOR