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Dear Sirs

Initial Questions for the Examination of the South Worcestershire Development Plan.

Thank you for your letter dated 26 January 2024, that was received on 5 February 2024.

We note in your letter that you require the councils to undertake further work before proceeding to the next stage of examination and commencing examination hearings; in particular you wish to have time to consider the sensitivity analysis from the transport modelling that is currently being undertaken by consultants working for Worcestershire County Council and understand what mitigation measures National Highways require for the M5 Motorway and the A46; and we understand the need to ensure that the evidence underpinning the SWDPR is sufficiently up to date and has not been overtaken by events. Your comments about the updated evidence on Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation requirements and the implications this might have for policy SWDPR 20 are also noted including whether further provision for accommodation is required and if so, how this is to be dealt with.

Your clarification on what is required in terms of the Transport Modelling was helpful. Worcestershire County Council have confirmed that the sensitivity analysis on the Transport Modelling will be completed by the end of August and the South Worcestershire Councils are working with the County Council and National Highways to ensure that this work is completed on time. The updated evidence documents will be with you earlier in the summer and a programme for these pieces of work will be with you as soon as possible.

Although the South Worcestershire Councils are disappointed that we have not yet been able to confirm a start date for examination hearings, we welcome the opportunity to work positively and proactively to front load the examination process and similarly wish to try and ensure an efficient and effective examination.

Yours faithfully



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