20 June 2023

Mr William Fieldhouse, The Planning Inspectorate Development and Regulation West Berkshire Council Market Street Newbury (by email) Our Ref: LPR examination Your Ref: \*

Dear Mr Fieldhouse

## West Berkshire District Council Local Plan Review – Inspectors Preliminary Questions (IN2)

I write to advise you that the Council will be unable to meet the deadline to respond to your Preliminary Questions as set out in your letter 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 (IN2).

I therefore respectfully request that the Council be allowed to the end of September to respond in full, which would also allow time to bring all the new members up to speed on the Local Plan Review, your questions and the proposed Officer responses to them.

This will of course have a knock on effect for the examination that was due to begin in September. I apologise for the length of the delay, but Officers in the Strategic Planning team will remain in touch with the Programme Officer during this period to liaise as to when the hearings are able to resume.

Yours sincerely



Bryan Lyttle Planning Policy Manager