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I note the deadline for comments on the third round of questions is on Monday 31 March, 6 working days after they were submitted and before the Prime Minister's latest announcement about significantly reducing non-essential travel.

As a result the District Council has introduced distanced working arrangements with a focus on meeting our essential Council and community needs in response to the Covid-19 outbreak. I'm afraid the District Council is therefore unable to provide a useful reply within the timescale that has been set.

Given the nature of the questions that the District Council has been asked to answer it is necessary for me to liaise with colleagues, who both work part time and are working remotely with limited or no access to relevant information, which will inevitably delay our response time.

Therefore on behalf of Broadland District Council and as agreed with colleagues from the other relevant Districts and County Council I am respectfully making the following requests:

- (a) To seek an extension of time to the current third round of questions from 31/3/20 to the end of April 2020; and
- (b) To suggest that the Examination period be extended by at least three months to allow all parties extra time/flexibility in responding to any further questions from the ExA and resolving any outstanding matters. This extra time is needed given the potential resource uncertainties for Local Authorities caused by the current COVID-19 outbreak.

Regards

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