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Dear Sir,

London Borough of Havering (20025659) – Update on London Borough of Havering Emerging Local Plan

LB Havering would like to submit to the Examining Authority (ExA) a representation concerning its emerging Local Plan.

London Borough of Havering is aware that the Applicant has commented on the “soundness” of the emerging Havering Local Plan in recent submissions to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).

At Deadline 4 (REP4-010) the Applicant states in point REP3B-006-11 *“It should be noted that the examination of the Havering Local Plan is not concluded and its adoption is subject to an assessment of its general conformity with the recently published London Plan”*. The Applicant raised this point again in relation to point REP3B-006-15 where it further states *“Notwithstanding this, as noted in point REP3B-006-11 above, the examination into the soundness of the Havering Local Plan is not concluded”*.

LB Havering would like to take this opportunity to make clear to the ExA the progress that has been made on the emerging Havering Local Plan to date, and specifically as to what stage the Plan is at now.

Paragraphs 9.2.6 to 9.2.10 of Havering’s submitted Local Impact Report (REP1-031) provides a general description of the emerging Local Plan. In particular, it explains that the Plan was subject to Examination Hearings that took place in October 2018 and May 2019 under the direction of a Planning Inspector (Ms Susan Heywood BSc (Hons) MCD MRTPI).

Paragraph 9.2.28 of the Local Impact Report states that the Inspector considers that the Local Plan could be found “sound” subject to it including a number of Main Modifications.

The Main Modifications have now been subject to a public consultation that took place in August 2020. Whilst the Inspector’s recommended Main Modifications covered a number of policies within the Plan, no significant changes were requested to the growth planned for the borough over the lifetime of the Plan, in particular Chapter 5 *Boroughwide Strategy for Growth*,

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Policy 1 Romford Strategic Development Area and Policy 2 Rainham and Beam Park Strategic Development Area.

Furthermore, no significant modifications were requested to policies that Havering has cited within its Planning Obligations request set out in REP4-031, particularly *Policy 22 Skills and Training* and *Policy 23 Transport Connections*.

Following the Main Modifications to the Local Plan consultation, the Council recorded and considered the representations (comments) received and published a response on the Havering Local Plan Examination webpage.

The Inspector has since written to LB Havering requesting that the Council seek the Mayor's opinion as to whether the Havering Plan is in general conformity with the recently adopted London Plan 2021.

Having undertaken a comprehensive review of the Havering Local Plan, the GLA on behalf of the Mayor has responded to Havering highlighting just three specific topic areas, which are considered as non-conformity. These issues concern residential parking standards, waste planning and affordable housing.

The GLA did not raise any concerns with the vast majority of policies set out in the emerging Local Plan and therefore LB Havering considers these to be in conformity with the adopted London Plan and expects these policies to be adopted as currently drafted.

The Council is working with the Inspector on the remaining matters and anticipates a decision from the Inspector in the next four to six weeks.

The Council considers that, significant weight should therefore be afforded to the emerging Local Plan and the policies contained within it.

Yours faithfully,


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