

London Borough of Islington Local Plan examination



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Dear Mr Gibb,

Thank you for the Council's helpful response (LBI04) to our previous letters (INS05 and INS06). We are of the view that the proposed approach of the Council is appropriate. We would like to see all of the documents that will be prepared before they are published for additional (full) public consultation.

The legal compliance and soundness of the proposed modifications that will be put forward by the Council in due course, along with all consultation responses, will be considered throughout the remainder of the examination. We would like to note that the revised Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) will need to include an appraisal of all of the proposed modifications to the Plan, including the appraisal of reasonable alternatives where necessary. We would also support securing the role of a critical friend to aid the preparation of the revised IIA, as referred to in the Council's response.

In terms of timescales, we acknowledge that we are all working within difficult times, but we are keen to ensure that there is no further slippage beyond the dates set out in your reply. The examination of the Plan has already been delayed for a significant period of time and there will now be a further lengthy pause. Any further lengthy delay could result in implications for the evidence base underpinning the Plan becoming out-of-date.

Yours sincerely,

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