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Dear Sir,

Local Plan Supplementary Consultation

I refer to your 30 January 2019 email in respect of further information currently being gathered in respect of the current Local Plan Review.

First of all and following an earlier Call for Sites, I submitted a block of suitable land directly on the village curtilage at Netherwood Lane, Chadwick End and this was included with Site Reference 32. I see from your email that it is intended to reassess previous Call for Sites submissions and I request that the above site is carefully considered in this process. Chadwick End is one of the villages where infill development is currently allowed but suffers from a real lack of suitable housing for all user types. Inclusion of the above site at Netherwood Lane would allow a wide range of housing types for key worker, single family, retired persons and medium to large family properties and would allow a significant contribution from social housing and custom/self-build potential. It is envisaged that property design would be free thinking, ergonomic, creative using modular and fast build carbon free techniques and include aesthetic community focussed initiatives including a shop/community centre and a enchanting village green.

By virtue of its Latin name *Urbs en Rure* Solihull is undoubtedly a town within the country and is entirely defined by this slogan in terms of capacity for new housing development. This situation also amplifies why the Council has been unable to identify suitable land in the urban area for new housing so desperately needed to satisfy the economic growth of the local area and the adjoining second city, Birmingham.

Most importantly, the overall situation has been significantly prejudiced by the policy to categorise almost all rural settlements surrounding the much smaller urban area as 'washed over Green Belt'. Despite these settlements being previously developed or essentially brownfield areas in their entirety, washed over Green Belt imposes unnecessary development restrictions that disallow these settlements being fully inclusive in places where movers and new entrants would generally prefer to live. In addition, the quality and use of land directly surrounding most settlements is poor from an agricultural standpoint and thereby of limited economic benefit.

In terms of housing development needed to satisfy the ongoing new housing Solihull shortfall. It would be wrong to over develop and put unnecessary infrastructure strain on previously developed urban neighbourhood areas that are currently reaching exhaustion on many counts. Instead, to provide potential future housing development land over a more widely spread geographic area has the potential to create intuitive, user friendly and attractive development in places where people would naturally aspire to live.

The Council's further comments would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Draft Local Plan Supplementary Consultation January 2019

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30 January 2019 at 15:43

Dear Sir/Madam

Solihull Local Plan Review

Draft Local Plan Supplementary Consultation January 2019

I am pleased to inform you that Solihull Council has published a [Draft Local Plan Supplementary Consultation](#) as part of its Local Plan Review.

This is a non-statutory supplementary consultation to that undertaken for the Draft Local Plan in December 2016. What this consultation seeks to do is to:

- Provide an update on local housing need now that national planning policy has changed through the introduction of a standard methodology.
- Assess the 70+ additional call-for-sites submissions that have been submitted since the DLP was published.
- Refine the site selection process for assessing which sites should be included in the plan and reassess all sites (c320) to ensure that the preferred sites are the most appropriate when considered against the spatial strategy, and existing/new or updated evidence.
- Publishing concept masterplans for the principal allocations.
- Exploring a different approach to calculating how affordable housing provision should be calculated on an individual site.
- Setting out the role of the main settlements in the future and seeking views on the existing pressures and future requirements for infrastructure provision.

The consultation period runs until **Friday 15th March 2019** and I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to contribute and provide us with your views. Please use the [online portal](#) to submit your views.

There will be a number of drop-in sessions for the public to attend to ask questions and give feedback. Further details can be viewed at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr.

Responses will help us to develop the next version of the plan, which will be the formal submission version, which is expected to be consulted upon later in the year.

If you have any queries, or would like any further information, please contact a member of the Policy & Delivery Team on 0121 704 8008 or email psp@solihull.gov.uk

Finally, if your contact details have changed or you no longer wish to be included on our database, please let us know.

Yours faithfully,

