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INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE ALVECHURCH PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Examination Ref: 01/Ry/APNP

Dear Mr Yuille,

Thank you for your letter dated 14 September 2018, outlining procedural matters and preliminary questions relating to the independent examination of the Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan. Please see the following responses to your preliminary questions addressed to Bromsgrove District Council.

1. *The District Council has not commented on the Plan at the Regulation 16 stage. Can I take it that the District Council is satisfied that the Plan, in its unmodified state, meets the Basic Conditions?*

Yes, the District Council is satisfied that the APNP as submitted meets the basic conditions. A report was presented to the District Council's Cabinet meeting on 27th June 2018, which included a letter sent to the qualifying body outlining that the District Council was satisfied the APNP should proceed to a Regulation 16 representation period, followed by an examination and referendum subject to the examiner's recommendations. This letter can be seen at Appendix 2 to Item 12/18 of the Cabinet meeting minutes, and can be viewed at <https://moderngovwebpublic.bromsgrove.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=105&MId=3040&Ver=4>

Notwithstanding the District Council's view at the time that the APNP as submitted met the basic conditions, it supports the response of Alvechurch Parish Council to the preliminary questions posed by the examiner, including where there is acceptance that re-wording or minor modifications may be necessary to improve the clarity or conformity of the plan.

2. *For the purposes of this examination, the development plan for the area is the Bromsgrove District Plan 2011-2030. Is that correct?*

Yes, that is correct. The Bromsgrove District Plan 2011-2030 was adopted in January 2017 and can be viewed at <http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/council/policy-and-strategy/planning-policies/local-development-plan/the-bromsgrove-district-plan-2011-30.aspx>

3. *Work on the Bromsgrove District Plan Review, including a Green Belt Review, has commenced. An Issues and Options report is due to be published imminently. Is that correct?*

Yes, that is correct. A meeting of Bromsgrove District Council ('Full Council') of the 19th September 2018 approved consultation on the District Plan Review Issues and Options to commence on 24th September 2018 for a period of 8 weeks. Information relating to this consultation can be viewed at <http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/council/policy-and-strategy/planning-policies/bromsgrove-district-plan-review/issues-and-options-consultation.aspx>

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Matt Stanczyszyn, Strategic Planning and Conservation on 01527 587010 or matt.stanczyszyn@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Dunphy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc. Adrian Smith, Chair of Alvechurch Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group