

**Letter to the Planning Inspector examining the Local Plan (c/o the Programme Officer)**  
(sent on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022)

Dear Inspector,

**GOVERNMENT ADVICE TO PINS ON LOCAL PLANS UNDER EXAMINATION**

We write in respect of the letter dated 28th July 2022 from the Secretary of State, Greg Clark, to Sarah Richards, the Chief Executive at the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) giving Government advice to PINS regarding Local Plans under Examination.

As a result, we have sent the attached letter to the Chief Planner. As you will see, we are concerned that there may be significant alterations to Government planning policy and we are anxious to avoid spending money on work that may not be necessary or become outdated. There are growing pressures on the Council's limited financial resources and it is imperative for us to secure best value in all our expenditure.

We will therefore not be sending any further monthly updates for the time being but will resume as soon as there is further clarification of future Government policy.

Yours sincerely,

**David Ford**  
**Chief Executive**