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Dear Mr. King

Adjournment of public examination

I refer to your note of 8 April 2009 and the request for the County Council to come back with a view on how it wishes to proceed by the end of April.

The County Council is keen for the process to be satisfactorily concluded, and from our perspective this means the plan being found sound. However we need to be clear that there is a way forward before we progress any further detailed work.

The key matter in this regard relates to the sustainability appraisal and how it has informed the process. We have been able to bring in, from 5 May, the person who prepared the original SA document. Therefore we are able to review the SA in respect of the comments you have made in more depth to identify whether it is worthwhile to reconvene the examination, with or without additional clarification work having been carried out. This will take a couple of weeks to progress and for a proposed way forward- continuation with the examination or withdrawal- to be agreed.

On the basis of the above, the County Council will not be in a position to respond to you until the end of May in respect of the way forward.

I should also stress that because of the need to go through the formal political process should we as officers propose to withdraw the plan, our advice on how to proceed may be unable to be made public this side of the forthcoming elections.

Yours sincerely

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