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Dear Mrs Sherratt,

Submission of the Carlisle District Local Plan (2015 – 2030): Additional Representations made pursuant to Regulation 20

I write further to the submission of the Carlisle District Local Plan (2015 – 2030) on 22nd June 2015. Having made the submission documents available for inspection and notified the relevant parties in accordance with the governing regulations, it was last week brought to the Council's attention that the submitted representations did not include one from a local community group who purported to have made it within the specified period for doing so.

Following further investigations the Council has identified that such a representation had indeed been emailed to the correct address within the required time period. Unfortunately however a file attached to this representation was found to contain a virus and was consequently quarantined upon entry into the Council's system. Existing protocols are such that neither the sender nor intended recipient are informed when an email is quarantined for this or other reasons, and the email is subsequently deleted. As such this issue has until now gone un-noticed.

In order to secure assurances that this was an isolated incident, thorough and comprehensive analysis of email traffic has now been carried out. This has identified that one further representation made pursuant to Regulation 20, from the National Grid, was also quarantined for similar reasoning. The Council are now confident however that no further representations have gone unrecognised in this manner.

Whilst the City Council acknowledged all representations received, having done so throughout all consultations on the Plan as it has emerged, the lack of receipt of such for

the two parties in question did unfortunately on this occasion not bring this issue to light earlier.

The Council have considered the content of the representations in question and can confirm that they are not considered to raise any issues not already before the Inspector. As such the Council can confirm that they would have still resolved to submit the Plan for examination.

I attach copies of the representations from 'Save Our Streets' and the 'National Grid' which should be considered alongside those already submitted as made pursuant to Regulation 20. The Council will ensure these are similarly made available for inspection in accordance with Regulation 22.

Whilst frustrating, the Council are pleased that the above circumstances have come to light at the outset of the examination process prior to any key stages, and are already exploring with our IT department how measures can be put in place to avoid any similar occurrences with regards to future consultations.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm receipt of this letter and the accompanying representations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Legg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G' and 'L'.

G Legg

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