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(via Programme Officer)

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Dear Mrs Sherratt,

Examination of Carlisle District Local Plan (2015 – 2030): Outstanding Additional Work

Please find attached a statement proposing the introduction of a phased approach to housing delivery / 'stepped target' within the Carlisle District Local Plan (2015-2030). It is considered that this proposal would address issues previously highlighted with respect to the authority's ability to demonstrate a five year housing land supply. The City Council maintain that the suggested changes can be secured through a small number of main modifications and importantly that these changes would act to ensure that the housing elements of the Plan can be regarded as having been positively prepared and therefore sound.

I also attach two statements of common ground, the preparation of which I have highlighted in previous correspondence. One relates to proposed allocation site reference R15 whilst the other relates to the broad location of Carlisle South. Finally I attach a copy of the Retail Impact Threshold study the preparation of which has again been previously indicated. On this latter matter I can advise that, without prejudice, the City Council will be suggesting a small number of modifications to Policy EC6 in line with the recommendations from the study.

I can advise that the City Council should be in a position to pass across a schedule of suggested main modifications the week commencing the 5th October. This schedule will pull together those put forward or suggested to date, as well as setting out a small number of additional modifications which are considered necessary in the interests of soundness.

I will arrange with the programme officer for the attached documents to be added to the examination library.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if clarification on any aspect of the attached is required.

Yours sincerely,

G Legg Investment & Policy Manager Economic Development

cc. Tony Blackburn, Programme Officer