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Dear Mrs Sherratt,

### **Examination of Carlisle District Local Plan (2015 – 2030): Proposed Modifications**

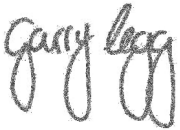
Please find attached a schedule of main modifications which the Council consider necessary to ensure the soundness of the Plan. The schedule is currently titled 'draft' which reflects that it will, as is often the case, be subject to change throughout the examination process. It also reflects that the Council reserve their right throughout the examination process to revisit any of the suggested modifications up until the point at which modifications are agreed with yourself for the purposes of future consultation. For the avoidance of doubt the schedule includes those modifications proposed relating to introducing a stepped housing target within the Plan, as well as those alluded to in light of the revised evidence on wind turbines and retail impact thresholds.

Based on an initial assessment the Council do not consider that any of the proposed modifications give rise to the need for any additional Sustainability Appraisal. This reflects that most do not alter the overriding objectives of the policy or indeed wider Plan vision and objectives. Many instead relate to strengthening conformity with national policy by way of revising terminology or are focussed on providing clarification regarding policy implementation. A more detailed assessment of the need for additional Sustainability Appraisal will however be undertaken at the appropriate future stage and obviously prior to consultation on modifications.

I also attach for your information a copy of minor modifications. These do not in the Council's opinion go to the soundness of the Plan but nevertheless represent beneficial changes.

You will be aware that the attached schedule now completes the additional information which has been requested, or conversely offered by the Council, thus far. I therefore look forward to hearing from you, once you have had an opportunity to consider all of the additional material, as to how you see the examination proceeding.

Yours sincerely,

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

**G Legg**

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cc. Tony Blackburn, Programme Officer