

## Planning Services

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Dear Ms Child,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 19 August 2015 (ED/5), which we have reviewed and would like to respond as follows:

### 1. Further work/additional information

We are proposing the following timetable for provision and consultation of the additional information.

<b>Provision of additional information</b>	
Post and email additional information to Programme Officer	18 September 2015
<b>Consultation of additional information</b>	
We are proposing a consultation period of four weeks from 21 September to 12 October 2015	
Publish additional information on council's website including a statement of the representations procedure and places where the additional information can be inspected	21 September 2015
Email consultation letter, statement of representations procedure and additional information to consultation bodies invited to make representations under regulation 15	21 September 2015
Make available additional information and statement of representations procedure at local libraries and council offices	21 September 2015
Forward consultation responses to Programme Officer	13 October 2015

### 2. Residential rates and affordable housing

The council's policies on affordable housing and proposed CIL rates are not affected by the recent changes to the PPG relating to planning obligations and affordable housing.

The viability study (October 2014) and proposed CIL rates are based on the Core Strategy housing policy (CSH3). The council did not change its approach to the proposed CIL rates when the Ministerial Statement came into effect. Whilst the

viability of small sites would have improved and a higher CIL rate could have been achieved, the council decided to maintain the proposed CIL rates. There is a great need for affordable housing in South Oxfordshire and, following the Ministerial Statement, the council decided to seek a commuted sum for affordable housing on sites of between 6 and 10 (where possible) and did not opt for a higher residential CIL rate. The council will now revert back to policy CSH3 and seek affordable housing on sites of 3 or more dwellings. This is allowed for in the CIL viability.

If you have any further questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Heike Wetzstein  
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