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Dear Mr Kemp

Examination in Public; Emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan (2034)

I am writing to update you and the appointed Planning Inspectors on matters relating to the emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan (2034). I would be grateful if you would share this letter with our two appointed Inspectors.

Update on the Emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan

On Wednesday 9 October, the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, sent a letter to the Leader of this Council, which advised that he is considering whether to give a direction to the Council in respect of the emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan. He has issued a holding direction under section 21A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which directs the Council not to take any step in connection with the adoption of the Plan, while he considers the matter further.

We sought clarification regarding the direction and the response from MHCLG did not remove the holding direction. I have provided copies of the correspondence between the Ministry of Housing, Communities, Local Government and ourselves to you.

Until we hear further from the Secretary of State the Council does not consider that it can take any step in connection with the adoption of the plan. The Council considers

that this means we are now unable to respond to the Planning Inspectors' initial questions as previously indicated.

The team will continue to keep you updated.

Yours sincerely



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