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Dear Emran,

RE: South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034 – Temporary Direction

Thank you to you and your team for meeting with officers on 23 October 2019 to discuss the temporary direction and a route forward.

The council continues to act in accordance with the temporary direction from the Secretary of State. I reiterate the points made to you that the Council wishes to regain control of the Local Plan and related matters, as soon as possible, in the interests of local democracy.

You asked that I confirm the indicative timetable, as presented to our members, for producing a new Local Plan, this is contained within our report to Cabinet in October and at that time was as follows;

October 2019	Withdraw emerging Local Plan
October 2019 – August 2021	Draft Reg 18 Local Plan production
August 2022	Consultation on Reg 19 Local Plan
February 2023 – November 2023	Submission and Examination in Public
December 2023	Inspector's report
February 2024	Adoption

I also attach a link to the paper that went to Cabinet on 3 October 2019 at <http://democratic.southoxon.gov.uk/documents/b7667/Local%20Plan%202034%20options%20to%20progress%20-%20revised%20report%20Thursday%2003-Oct-2019%2018.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=9>.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely


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