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Dear Sir/Madam

South Oxfordshire District Council response to the Aylesbury Vale Local Plan Further Main Modifications Consultation.

Thank you for giving South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) the opportunity to comment on the Further Main Modifications Consultation documents. SODC previously responded to the Main Modification Consultation December 2019 confirming that we were satisfied the modified plan is sound, legally compliant and justified. Having reviewed the Further Main Modifications to the Local Plan and supporting documents we remain satisfied the modified plan is sound, legally compliant and justified and that the proposed changes will not significantly impact on South Oxfordshire.

We note that the overall housing requirement for the plan period has not changed since the main modification consultation. Although the amount of homes to be delivered in the plan period has slightly reduced from 30,233 to 30,154 resulting from updates to latest housing land supply position, however this still represents a sufficient buffer to ensure the housing requirement can be met in full within the plan period. The updates to the housing land supply position also impacts on the distribution of development across the plan's allocations and settlements, the need to allocate additional sites for C2 use and site delivery trajectories. However, we do not consider these changes to have any significant effect on South Oxfordshire above what was proposed previously due to the scale and distribution of these changes.

Additionally, we acknowledge a number of further modifications are proposed to correct errors and update information as well as changes relating to the Transport Schemes Policy, Retail and Employment policies. SODC does not consider these changes to have a significant material impact on South Oxfordshire as such we have no further comments to make.

Kind Regards

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