



**TONBRIDGE & MALLING
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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Dear Mr Birkinshaw

Tunbridge Wells Local Plan Examination – Further Duty to Cooperate (DtC)
Session on 29 March 2022
REP-24863

I would like to thank you for the invitation to attend this additional hearing session on the DtC.

The purpose of this correspondence is to set out the position of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council (TMBC) in respect of the issue and questions raised in the agenda for the session on Tuesday 29 March regarding engagement between Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and TMBC. It is not intended to be a hearing statement.

After careful consideration of the agenda for 29 March, TMBC has concluded that it is unable to provide additional information on legal compliance that has not already been submitted to the examination in our stage 1 hearing statement and our contributions on day 1 of the hearing.

We have therefore taken the decision to not attend the additional session on the DtC on 29 March. Our position remains as expressed in our stage 1 hearing statement on this issue.

Furthermore, we would like to stress that we still maintain serious concerns about the impacts of Tudeley Village on the communities, infrastructure, and environments in Tonbridge & Malling close to the strategic site. These are set out in detail in our representations on the Local Plan and in our stage 2 hearing statement that has been submitted to the examination.

We would be grateful if this correspondence can be recorded as an examination document.

Best wishes

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