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Date: 20/07/23

Dear Mr Birkinshaw,

**RE: Examination of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Plan: Next Steps**

I am writing further to my letter dated 2 June 2023 which provided an update on work being undertaken by the Council in relation to the examination of the Local Plan.

I can advise you that work is continuing between officers and consultants on masterplanning and transport modelling in relation to the Council's review of Options that you have put to the Council. Officers are engaging in discussions with the respective stakeholders, landowners and developers to ensure that the response to you is thorough and is one that can be supported by elected members.

As stated in my letter of 2 June this ongoing work will have a knock-on impact on the later milestones which remain the anticipated next stages for the examination. It is considered that the Council will undertake and conclude the necessary public consultation by the end of 2023 which will enable any examination Hearings to continue at the beginning of 2024, subject to the necessary notice being given.

Please rest assured that work is progressing at pace with all available resources, and I aim to be able to set out for you a revised timeframe in due course.

Yours sincerely



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**Head of Planning Services**  
**Tunbridge Wells Borough Council**