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Dear Ms Wood,

I have started to read the submitted documents and I am in the process of drawing up a list of initial questions. You will receive these shortly. In the meantime I am finding it very difficult to read and understand the submitted representations to the pre-submission consultation and the focused changes consultation. This is partly because of the manner in which they have been reported in the tables produced by the Council and secondly the way the copies of the representations have been presented in boxes with no person ID on many, and in no obvious order.

In order that I can properly understand the issues being raised and in particular those that will not be remedied through the Council's focused changes I need the information presenting in a clearer manner. So, the representations report should contain an additional column containing the name of the person or organisation making the representation and their ID number. In addition the individual representations need to have the ID number clearly marked on them and they need to be filed in a logical manner. So that might be in ID number order. It would also be helpful to know where it says 'change required' in the report in representations, whether this is done through the focused changes.

On a slightly different matter, whilst there is clearly scope for Masterplans to build upon outline proposals for an area, Planning Practice Guidance specifically says that the local plan 'should make clear what is intended to happen in the area over the life of the plan, where and when this will occur and how it will be delivered' (ID 121-002). It goes on to say that 'where sites are proposed for allocation, sufficient detail should be given to provide clarity to developers, local communities and other interests about the nature and scale of development' (ID 12-010). Does the LP as currently drafted actually do this and in doing so conform with the regulations and guidance? While I realise that the draft Masterplans relate to policies in the Plan these will not form part of the formal examination.

As such, the detailed comments received as part of the consultation on the Masterplans will not be taken into account by me as part of my examination, but I am concerned that this is probably not what representors expected and so they may not have made their comments in respect of the individual sites policies in response to the consultation on the actual Plan. I am also not sure whether I have the copies of the representations in relation to the Masterplans i.e. are they mixed in with the representations for the actual Plan?

I would like a response to the above concerns within the next 7 working days please, setting out when you can provide the information I have requested and how you intend to overcome the issue regarding the consultation on the Masterplans. Clearly the problems I have identified here will delay my preparation and so I would advise that you deal with the matters as soon as possible, in order to keep the delay to a minimum. If you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me through the programme officer.

Yours sincerely

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INSPECTOR